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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aboriginals).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th June, 1945. (a)			Population—Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1943.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,449,265	1,449,847	2,899,112	1,398,000
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	994,029	1,019,460	2,013,489	1,170,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	555,751	522,871	1,078,622	370,500
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	311,348	317,592	628,940	362,500
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	254,162	235,990	490,152	263,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	125,015	123,048	248,063	70,800
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,050	1,173	5,223	(b)
A.C.T.	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,285	7,475	14,760	12,200
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,700,905	3,677,456	7,378,361	3,647,000 (c)

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not available. (c) Excludes Darwin, N.T.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T. (c)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1940	2,782,991	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,299	14,086	7,068,689
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	474,317	241,681	5,570	14,391	7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,151	4,952	14,673	7,196,622
1943b	2,854,862	1,988,938	1,058,094	618,597	482,454	244,056	5,155	14,285	7,266,441
1944b	2,884,848	2,005,593	1,071,441	625,298	488,168	246,559	5,209	14,599	7,341,715

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	13,556	7,032,361
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,972	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	14,627	7,170,863
1943c	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,345	5,144	14,115	7,229,864
1944c	2,870,956	1,997,804	1,065,414	621,998	485,407	245,434	5,179	14,444	7,306,636
1945c	2,899,112	2,013,489	1,078,622	628,940	490,152	248,063	5,223	14,760	7,378,361

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.
(c) June estimate; subject to revision.

NOTE.—The populations shown for 1939 and subsequent years have been revised in the light of data obtained from the Civilian Register of June, 1943, and include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State from which they were enlisted and irrespective of whether they are within Australia or overseas.

Owing to war conditions records of interstate migration are unsatisfactory and estimates of State populations subsequent to June, 1943, are still subject to adjustment for interstate migration. It is anticipated that estimates for these quarters will be revised in the light of data obtained from the Occupation Survey of June, 1945.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 30th September, 1945.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	7,898	7,421	15,319	4,212	3,530	7,742	5,886
Victoria.. ..	5,067	4,911	9,978	3,109	2,785	5,894	3,669
Queensland ..	3,325	3,140	6,465	1,489	1,035	2,524	2,193
South Australia ..	1,664	1,608	3,272	897	866	1,763	1,205
Western Australia	1,294	1,257	2,551	818	511	1,329	884
Tasmania ..	705	700	1,405	336	285	621	420
Northern Territory	9	10	19	10	1	11	12
Australian Capital Territory ..	46	53	99	18	12	30	29
Australia ..	20,008	19,100	39,108	10,889	9,025	19,914	14,298

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	First Nine Months of—	
					1944.	1945.
BIRTHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales	51,729	52,647	57,265	59,612	44,761	46,859
Victoria	34,406	35,927	39,117	39,358	29,394	30,714
Queensland	21,519	21,166	23,234	24,520	18,482	20,753
South Australia	10,965	11,278	13,145	13,311	9,725	10,558
Western Australia.. ..	10,118	9,901	10,481	10,870	8,159	8,168
Tasmania	5,206	5,305	5,597	5,200	3,893	4,336
Northern Territory ..	216	92	80	89	70	70
Australian Capital Territory	366	392	376	384	281	294
Australia	134,525	136,708	149,295	153,344	114,765	121,752
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	18.53	18.68	(a) 20.16	(a) 20.76	(a) (b) 20.79	(a) (b) 21.55
Victoria	17.77	18.28	19.75	19.70	19.61	20.34
Queensland	20.74	20.39	22.09	23.02	23.13	25.65
South Australia	18.21	18.46	21.36	21.40	20.85	22.38
Western Australia.. ..	21.35	20.68	21.85	22.39	22.42	22.22
Tasmania	21.71	22.04	23.10	21.19	21.15	23.31
Northern Territory ..	34.42	18.81	15.55	17.18	18.03	17.87
Australian Capital Territory	24.89	26.80	26.64	26.58	25.94	26.56
Australia	18.94	19.06	20.65	20.99	20.95	22.00

(a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	First Nine Months of—	
					1944.	1945.
DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.						
New South Wales	27,300	29,219	28,870	26,652	20,507	20,370
Victoria	20,522	21,973	21,327	20,502	15,699	15,404
Queensland	9,530	9,622	10,576	9,385	7,174	7,096
South Australia	6,288	6,712	6,482	5,984	4,487	4,568
Western Australia	4,769	5,076	4,587	4,478	3,416	3,519
Tasmania	2,575	2,430	2,527	2,494	1,903	1,792
Northern Territory ..	122	83	49	31	24	28
Australian Capital Territory	70	76	68	70	50	59
Australia	71,176	75,191	74,486	69,596	53,260	52,836

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

			(a)	(a)	(a) (b)	(a) (b)
New South Wales	9.78	10.37	10.16	9.28	9.52	9.37
Victoria	10.60	11.18	10.77	10.26	10.48	10.20
Queensland	9.19	9.27	10.06	8.81	8.97	8.77
South Australia	10.44	10.99	10.53	9.62	9.61	9.68
Western Australia	10.07	10.60	9.56	9.23	9.39	9.57
Tasmania	10.74	10.09	10.43	10.16	10.34	9.63
Northern Territory ..	17.44	16.97	9.53	5.99	6.17	7.15
Australian Capital Territory	4.76	5.20	4.82	4.85	4.61	5.33
Australia	10.02	10.49	10.30	9.53	9.72	9.55

(a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	29,983	34,533	26,302	26,426	19,968	18,499
Victoria	20,898	23,636	18,356	17,857	13,374	11,897
Queensland	9,885	11,722	9,979	11,325	8,444	7,345
South Australia	6,855	8,129	6,263	6,019	4,635	3,922
Western Australia	5,077	5,441	4,528	4,506	3,404	2,777
Tasmania	2,150	2,431	2,102	1,935	1,474	1,327
Northern Territory ..	179	53	46	31	20	33
Australian Capital Territory	121	115	97	102	73	81
Australia	75,148	86,060	67,673	68,201	51,392	45,881

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	First Nine Months of—	
					1944.	1945.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	10.74	12.25	(*a*) 9.26	(*a*) 9.20	(*a*) (*b*) 9.28	(*a*) (*b*) 8.51
Victoria	10.79	12.03	9.27	8.94	8.92	7.88
Queensland	9.53	11.29	9.49	10.63	10.58	9.08
South Australia	11.38	13.31	10.18	9.68	9.93	8.31
Western Australia	10.72	11.37	9.44	9.28	9.35	7.55
Tasmania	8.96	10.10	8.67	7.88	8.01	7.13
Northern Territory ..	28.52	10.84	8.94	5.99	5.15	8.42
Australian Capital Territory	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.06	6.73	7.32
Australia	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.33	9.37	8.29
DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.						
New South Wales	2,264	2,116	2,072	1,829	1,374	1,449
Victoria	1,246	1,497	1,399	1,258	978	863
Queensland	842	736	878	768	596	598
South Australia	356	448	482	387	288	289
Western Australia	357	365	342	354	275	241
Tasmania	255	225	227	199	153	115
Northern Territory ..	18	4	6	2	2	3
Australian Capital Territory	6	9	7	9	7	4
Australia	5,344	5,400	5,413	4,806	3,673	3,562
INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.						
New South Wales	43.77	40.19	36.18	30.68	30.70	30.92
Victoria	36.21	41.67	35.76	31.96	33.27	28.10
Queensland	39.13	34.73	37.79	31.32	32.25	28.82
South Australia	32.47	39.72	36.67	29.07	29.61	27.37
Western Australia	35.28	36.86	32.63	32.57	33.70	29.51
Tasmania	48.98	42.41	40.56	38.27	39.30	26.52
Northern Territory ..	83.33	43.48	75.00	22.47	28.57	42.86
Australian Capital Territory	16.39	22.96	18.62	23.44	24.91	13.61
Australia	39.72	39.50	36.26	31.34	32.00	29.26

(*a*) Preliminary rates. (*b*) Equivalent annual rates.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921–25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926–30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931–35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(*a*)10,886
1936–40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,931	2,194	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	(*a*) 2,183
1945(9 mths)	5,337	3,773	9,110	5,950	6,773	12,723	(*a*) 3,613

(*a*) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Nationality or Race of Persons who arrived or departed.

Nationality or Race.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended September—	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September—	Nine months ended September—	
	1945.	1944.	1945.	1945.	1944.	1945.
European—						
American (U.S.) ..	164	986	375	221	758	635
British (b) (Native born) ..	2,825	3,298	7,697	4,980	5,368	11,197
Danish	5	9	14	9	10	19
Dutch	116	185	363	76	36	116
Finnish	1	2	2	..	1	1
French	43	271	207	83	244	285
German	9	21	22	16	12	40
Greek	1	12	5	3	5	7
Italian	2	1	4	12	3	39
Norwegian	8	8	16	5	14	11
Polish	6	14	28	13	17	23
Russian	17	14	41	15	28	42
Swedish	4	5	6	3	7	17
Swiss	5	3	9	8	6	17
Yugoslav	1	..	1	1	1	3
Other	10	16	42	23	39	64
Total European ..	3,217	4,845	8,832	5,468	6,549	12,516
Non-European—						
Chinese	18	22	88	8	423	31
East Indian (natives) ..	11	6	29	2	173	97
Filipino	6	..	6	..	1	..
Indian and Cingalese ..	109	87	117	7	44	41
Japanese	..	1	..	..	..	..
Malay	..	..	..	1	..	1
Thai	..	..	..	..	2	..
Syrian	1	2	1	..	..	2
Other Asiatic	5	14	17	3	11	11
Papuan	1	..	1	4	14	4
Polynesian, Melanesian ..	1	1	6	6	24	13
Other Non-European ..	7	3	13	..	6	7
Total Non-European ..	159	136	278	31	698	207
GRAND TOTAL ..	3,376	4,981	9,110	5,499	7,247	12,723

(a) Excludes troop movements. (b) Includes Maltese and Cypriote.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Countries whence the Persons arrived or to which they departed.

Country.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended September—	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September—	Nine months ended September—	
	1945.	1944.	1945.	1945.	1944.	1945.
Great Britain	737	146	1,689	2,033	542	4,782
Canada	..	30	23	27	99	58
Fiji	18	97	60	28	48	72
Hong Kong	5	..	5	20	..	20
India and Ceylon	175	359	599	342	443	760
New Zealand	1,278	1,923	3,518	1,184	2,274	2,816
Norfolk Island	11	66	68	28	79	96
Papua	93	150	243	111	566	190
Solomon Islands	5	10	8	7	21	10
Straits Settlements	42	..	42	1	..	1
Territory of New Guinea	107	286	437	69	583	200
Union of South Africa	139	138	292	154	142	326
Other British Possessions	8	17	16	8	7	15
Total, British Countries	2,618	3,222	7,000	4,012	4,804	9,346
Egypt	..	2	1	5	7	10
France	..	..	..	..	..	..
Germany	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy	5	..	5	..	..	..
Japan	1	..	1	..	..	..
Netherlands East Indies	129	22	283	64	202	265
New Caledonia	50	348	176	80	178	258
Philippine Islands	141	..	529	39	..	82
South Sea Islands	15	88	96	16	131	148
United States of America	393	1,185	936	1,235	1,793	2,479
Other Foreign Countries	24	114	83	48	132	135
Total Foreign Countries	758	1,759	2,110	1,487	2,443	3,377
GRAND TOTAL	3,376	4,981	9,110	5,499	7,247	12,723

(a) Excludes troop movements.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938–39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939–40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940–41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941–42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942–43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943–44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,902,212
1944–45 (*a*) ..	8,434,135	2,034,480	257,268	2,408,688	325,978	17,449,642

(*a*) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938–39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939–40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940–41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941–42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942–43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943–44 ..	109,719,577	17,711,918	7,432,618	2,716,872	3,687,981	523,865
1944–45(*a*)	52,125,503	8,969,697	6,397,640	1,990,512	4,737,783	669,000

(*a*) Subject to revision.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(*a*)	Tons.(*a*)
1938–39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939–40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940–41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941–42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942–43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943–44 ..	13.93	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29
1944–45(*b*)	6.18	4.41	24.87	0.83	20.92	2.95

(*a*) Per acre of productive crop. (*b*) Subject to revision.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1940–41 ..	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941–42 ..	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942–43 ..	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943–44 ..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,302	1,533,816	1,567,016	4,839	1,418	7,875,121
1944–45(*a*)	2,844,804	2,141,729	303,349	1,623,145	1,515,762	3,832	1,514	8,434,135
1945–46(*b*)	4,047,000	3,227,000	400,000	2,040,000	1,800,000	3,000	1,000	11,518,000

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1940–41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941–42	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942–43	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983
1943–44	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,084,292	20,690,471	16,550,000	122,141	39,351	109,719,577
1944–45*a*	17,133,870	3,497,677	6,226,467	9,244,211	15,928,774	92,650	1,854	52,125,503
1945–46*b*	62,500,000	32,500,000	8,000,000	20,700,000	20,500,000	60,000	20,000	144,280,000

(*a*) Subject to revision. (*b*) Forecast.

Principal Crops—Australia—*continued.*

AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1940–41	5.37	5.06	17.66	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941–42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.64	17.64	13.89
1942–43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943–44	17.64	11.00	18.07	13.49	10.56	25.24	27.75	13.93
1944–45*a*	6.02	1.63	20.53	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.18
1945–46*b*	15.44	10.07	20.00	10.15	11.39	20.00	20.00	12.53

(*a*) Subject to revision. (*b*) Forecast.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. (*a*)	S. Aust. (*a*)	W. Aust. (*a*)	Tasmania. (*a*)	N. Terr. (*a*)	A.C.T.	Australia.
				SHEEP.					
1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,870	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,391
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	*b*2,398,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943*c*	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	*a* 34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944*c*	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,799	*a* 25,575	274,642	123,173,962
1945*c*	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,365,778	8,473,939	10,020,299	2,156,071	*a* 29,269	250,778	105,415,235
				CATTLE.					
1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(*b*)253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943*c*	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	*a*978,434	6,987	14,005,320
1944*c*	3,143,378	2,013,033	6,524,553	414,997	870,939	230,127	*a*978,569	8,083	14,183,679
1945*c*	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,624,799	391,323	850,863	224,668	*a*984,370	9,320	14,133,154
				HORSES.					
1939	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(*b*) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943*c*	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	*a* 43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944*c*	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	*a* 30,534	1,151	1,449,199
1945*c*	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,453	25,885	*a* 31,803	1,091	1,359,130
				PIGS.					
1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,604	44,941	483	601	1,455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942*c*	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(*b*) 44,519	(*a*) 418	854	1,477,303
1943*c*	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	(*a*) 532	779	1,563,000
1944*c*	561,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	(*a*) 191	657	1,746,721
1945*c*	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,604	46,915	(*a*) 146	689	1,630,466

(*a*) December, previous year. (*b*) As at March. (*c*) As at 31st March; 1945 figures subject to revision.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (*a*)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1937–38..	495,027	178,890	*a* 174,751	86,606	70,685	15,599	35	1,797	1,023,390
1938–39..	437,141	165,829	*a* 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1939–40..	546,273	179,126	*a* 195,770	105,266	80,657	18,334	35	2,233	1,127,694
1940–41..	536,908	187,831	*a* 214,704	106,647	76,170	17,078	308	2,128	1,141,774
1941–42..	547,000	212,919	204,119	105,124	78,500	16,985	308	2,203	1,167,158
1942–43..	497,538	212,325	213,966	108,637	99,231	17,256	308	1,905	1,151,166
1943–44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,913	1,169,016

(*a*) For year ended 31st December of previous year.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938–39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1939–40 ..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940–41 ..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941–42 ..	39,831	62,864	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,631
1942–43 ..	43,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	4,505	6	171,237
1943–44 ..	41,231	49,838	45,996	8,841	6,573	3,799	4	156,282
1944–45(*a*) ..	32,006	46,755	42,352	6,928	5,665	3,556	..	137,262
CHEESE.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938–39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939–40 ..	3,038	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940–41 ..	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941–42 ..	2,348	10,054	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,143
1942–43 ..	2,350	11,280	12,737	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,130
1943–44 ..	2,467	11,902	10,737	8,806	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944–45(*a*) ..	1,941	12,303	10,123	8,273	768	1,033	..	34,441
BACON AND HAM.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938–39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939–40 ..	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,146	2,086	1,292	..	35,083
1940–41 ..	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941–42 ..	15,293	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1	42,464
1942–43 ..	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	46,802
1943–44 ..	13,913	9,687	11,958	4,605	4,358	1,202	..	45,723
1944–45(*a*) ..	19,071	9,883	14,204	4,659	4,999	1,093	..	53,909

(*a*) Subject to revision; excludes farm production.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-iron. (*a*)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(*b*)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	229,846
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	1,212,006	19,720	287,729	15,871,976	3,501	246,758
1941 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	1,475,707	20,859	289,436	15,412,581	3,494	249,105
1942 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	1,557,641	20,402	263,183	14,241,811	2,931	221,654
1943 ..	751,279	14,192,942	1,399,306	24,326	206,376	10,329,830	2,635	182,900
1944 ..	656,866	*d*13,737,075	1,305,357	28,025	189,485	9,365,726	2,540	174,308
1945(*d*)	655,000	12,792,878	(*c*)	(*c*)	(*c*)	(*c*)	(*c*)	(*c*)

(*a*) Year ended June. (*b*) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association. (*c*) Not yet available. (*d*) Subject to revision.

VALUE(*a*) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	15,990,550
1942 ..	807,436	1,060,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,806	191,835	126,035	12,060,166
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,657	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864
1944 ..	657,152	568,305	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,370
SILVER AND LEAD.								
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940 ..	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860
1942 ..	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	477	23,916	358,966	..	5,588,557
1943 ..	3,752,672	2,278	230,837	62	16,475	333,058	..	4,335,382

(*a*) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—*continued.*

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
				COPPER.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879
1943 ..	379,800	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,393	2,194,574
				TIN.				
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1940 ..	373,435	32,253	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017
1943 ..	403,320	14,162	167,176	10	2,315	246,218	5,594	838,795
				COAL (Black and Brown).				
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,698,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,622,786
1943 ..	9,290,095	958,024	1,824,591	..	489,721	117,361	..	12,679,792
				ALL MINERALS.				
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,002,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,888
1942 ..	16,258,694	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181
1943 ..	15,968,578	1,593,994	4,244,525	3,070,716	6,383,755	2,378,533	130,795	33,740,896

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938–39.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	41,679	60,909	41,571	61,806	76,788	78,039
Pastoral	63,821	81,388	83,952	85,358	101,014	108,406
Dairying	33,782	36,843	35,706	34,344	42,244	44,823
Poultry	7,302	6,979	6,264	6,497	10,724	12,884
Bee-farming ..	123	166	309	408	323	393
Total Rural ..	146,707	186,285	167,802	188,413	231,093	244,545
Trapping	1,422	2,115	3,720	5,046	3,550	6,684
Forestry	7,780	8,133	9,196	10,051	10,590	11,224
Fisheries	1,655	1,557	1,668	1,773	1,930	1,968
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	30,583	32,365	33,410	30,767	27,459
Total Non-Rural ..	38,232	42,388	46,949	50,280	46,837	47,335
Total All Primary	184,939	228,673	214,751	238,693	277,930	291,880
Factories	203,416	221,295	257,914	316,438	352,001	366,235
Total All Industries	388,355	449,968	472,665	555,131	629,931	658,115

Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—*continued.*

PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1938–39.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agricultural ..	6 0 4	8 14 1	5 17 9	8 13 2	10 13 4	10 14 10
Pastoral	9 4 3	11 12 8	11 17 6	11 19 2	14 0 7	14 18 4
Dairying	4 17 6	5 5 4	5 1 1	4 16 3	5 17 4	6 3 4
Poultry	1 1 1	1 0 0	0 17 7	0 18 3	1 9 10	1 15 6
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 0 6	0 0 10	0 1 2	0 0 11	0 1 1
Total Rural ..	21 3 6	26 12 7	23 14 9	26 8 0	32 2 0	33 13 1
Trapping	0 4 1	0 6 1	0 10 7	0 14 2	0 9 10	0 18 5
Forestry	1 2 6	1 3 3	1 6 1	1 8 2	1 9 5	1 10 10
Fisheries	0 4 9	0 4 5	0 4 9	0 5 0	0 5 4	0 5 5
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	4 7 5	4 11 5	4 13 6	4 5 6	3 15 7
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 1 2	6 12 10	7 0 10	6 10 1	6 10 3
Total All Primary	26 13 10	32 13 9	30 7 7	33 8 10	38 12 1	40 3 4
Factories	29 7 3	31 12 7	36 9 10	44 6 9	48 17 11	50 8 0
Total All Industries	56 1 1	64 6 4	66 17 5	77 15 7	87 10 0	90 11 4

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (*a*)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (*b*)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1937–38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938–39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939–40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940–41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941–42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942–43	26,414	759,045	208,866,843	344,559,273	472,720,078	352,002,056	850,348,656
1943–44	27,674	766,506	216,873,819	358,139,374	498,923,060	366,235,437	891,739,216

(*a*) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (*b*) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
			1941–42.				
1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed(*a*) .. ,,	298,245	258,400	61,909	65,252	23,980	17,556	725,342
3. Wages paid(*b*) .. £	75,757,656	64,363,277	14,476,768	16,234,164	5,499,568	3,720,779	180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,066,010	1,399,228	705,746	23,459,463
5. ,, materials used £	189,469,148	140,198,887	49,384,624	33,264,628	12,452,275	8,390,918	433,160,480
6. ,, production .. £	138,790,351	110,937,614	24,830,339	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. ,, output of fact's. £	339,488,312	257,281,080	76,130,050	59,896,493	23,952,034	16,311,002	773,058,971
8. ,, land & buildings £	65,015,509	50,091,565	13,082,394	16,665,829	7,093,250	4,384,553	156,333,100
9. ,, plant & mchnry. £	70,611,613	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,612,799	169,179,792

(*a*) Average over whole year; including working proprietors. (*b*) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

Manufacturing Industries—State Details—*continued.*

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1942–43.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	2,641	2,134	1,799	992	26,414
2. Hands employed(*a*) .. ,,	315,524	262,358	64,292	72,748	25,813	18,310	759,045
3. Wages paid(*b*) .. £	88,900,826	73,035,253	16,737,545	19,243,290	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,866,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,307,663	6,514,447	2,105,774	2,469,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,626,522
5. ,, materials used £	207,599,130	149,630,126	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,845,868	9,836,766	472,720,078
6. ,, production .. £	153,682,262	121,391,367	29,044,560	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,451	352,002,056
7. ,, output of fact's. £	373,489,055	277,635,940	86,213,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,703,930	850,348,656
8. ,, land & buildings £	72,622,902	52,642,052	13,159,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,195	167,593,947
9. ,, plant & mchnry. £	73,121,771	51,963,258	18,793,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,133,330	176,965,326
1943–44.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,755	9,317	2,652	2,149	1,807	994	27,674
2. Hands employed(*a*) .. ,,	323,032	261,331	64,682	69,569	28,101	19,791	766,506
3. Wages paid(*b*) .. £	93,518,326	73,961,193	18,071,689	18,711,413	7,417,595	5,193,603	216,873,819
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,808,040	6,826,742	2,162,113	2,436,049	1,503,344	844,381	26,580,669
5. ,, materials used £	223,603,640	154,490,654	57,945,796	36,730,842	15,193,718	10,958,410	498,923,060
6. ,, production .. £	162,726,010	123,330,518	30,210,528	28,411,486	12,511,526	9,045,419	366,235,487
7. ,, output of fact's. £	399,137,690	284,647,914	90,318,437	67,578,377	29,208,588	20,848,210	891,739,216
8. ,, land & buildings £	78,978,013	55,062,982	13,262,504	17,629,235	6,920,805	5,293,066	177,146,605
9. ,, plant & mchnry. £	73,803,954	55,457,719	17,886,417	18,415,477	7,364,909	8,064,293	180,992,769

(*a*) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (*b*) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,733,723	5,846,992	5,043,168	4,758,486
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,841,965	4,528,864
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease	18,395,727	24,828,034	29,111,775	25,928,424
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	85,949,318	119,872,922	148,220,089	157,391,098
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate	1,274,021	1,315,010	931,516	1,020,772
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	17,936,299	20,953,759	21,812,445	22,766,729
VII. Skins and Leather	4,465,300	5,156,273	5,473,293	5,885,080
VIII. Clothing	19,638,286	23,634,446	23,181,403	24,896,161
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	48,516,665	53,154,567	56,842,302	59,153,039
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	11,371,496	12,971,441	13,427,479	14,684,261
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c.	4,648,226	4,863,463	4,061,659	4,063,839
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &c.	16,237,985	17,080,273	17,238,875	18,350,059
XIII. Rubber	3,055,014	3,861,465	3,647,766	3,862,931
XIV. Musical Instruments	169,337	190,238	158,484	155,806
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,788,046	4,009,285	4,665,317	5,283,655
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,580,892	12,509,781	13,344,520	13,506,283
Total	257,914,349	316,439,028	352,002,056	366,235,487

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	23.43	25.98	20.72	27.69	25.40	24.91	24.32
Fuel and Light ..	3.21	2.40	2.39	3.60	5.15	4.04	2.98
Materials used ..	56.02	54.27	64.16	54.35	52.02	52.57	55.95
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	17.34	17.35	12.73	14.36	17.43	18.48	16.75
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.47	59.97	59.82	65.86	59.29	57.42	59.22

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939–40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940–41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.91	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941–42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942–43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943–44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1943-44.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	226,824	175,078	50,822	50,660	21,060	14,697	539,141
Females ..	96,208	86,253	13,860	18,909	7,041	5,094	227,365
Masculinity(a) ..	236	203	367	268	299	289	237

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1940–41 ..	4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941–42 ..	4,641,087	533,031	5,174,118	4,490,010	1,103,876	5,593,886
1942–43 ..	3,547,084	277,405	3,824,489	3,472,423	816,321	4,288,744
1943–44 ..	3,603,728	879,800	4,483,528	4,360,359	842,892	5,203,251
1944–45 ..	3,883,465	600,370	4,483,835	3,586,655	1,061,861	4,648,516

(a) Excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO(a).—Discharged and Shipped, States.

(,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.
	1944–45.							
New South Wales ..	2,817	668	1,621	1,075	3,298	420	972	710
Victoria	2,338	299	1,082	422	713	446	321	542
Queensland	516	368	743	173	406	165	369	409
South Australia ..	1,145	190	249	74	2,484	139	779	67
Western Australia ..	241	126	583	48	275	118	545	64
Tasmania	363	265	65	5	490	352	74	19
Northern Territory(b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	7,420	1,916	4,343	1,797	7,666	1,640	3,060	1,811
Total 1943–44 ..	7,215	1,965	4,138	1,781	7,517	1,722	3,355	1,702
,, 1942–43 ..	6,925	2,023	3,654	1,424	7,603	1,808	2,380	1,257
,, 1941–42 ..	7,582	2,150	3,750	1,757	8,100	1,903	2,858	1,300
,, 1940–41 ..	7,556	2,330	2,958	1,772	7,990	1,966	4,037	1,250

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies. (b) Port of Darwin closed.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a " war-time risk " surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	
Butter (Refrigerator)	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator)	1¼d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef	1¼d. per lb.
Lamb	1⅜d. ,, ,,
Mutton	1½d. ,, ,,
Rabbits and Hares	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	107s. ,, ,, ,,
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases)	107s. ,, ,, ,,
Milk and Cream (condensed)	107s. ,, ,, ,,
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—	
*Sugar (Raw)	153s. per ton weight.
Jams	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies	107s. ,, ,, ,,
Dried Fruits	85s. ,, ,, ,,
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator)	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases)	6s. ,, ,, ,,
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
*Wheat, Parcels, all States	120s. per ton weight
,, Charter, Eastern States	120s. ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, Western Australia	110s. ,, ,, ,,
*Barley	150s. 9d. ,, ,, ,,
*Oats	160s. ,, ,, ,,
*Maize	149s. ,, ,, ,,
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
*Flour, Wheaten	130s. ,, ,, ,,
*Bran	164s. ,, ,, ,,
*Pollard	155s. ,, ,, ,,
*Rice (clean, husked)	155s. ,, ,, ,,
WINE	107s. per ton measurement.
ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—	
Hides and Skins—Calf	⅜d. per lb.
Sheep	1¼d. ,, ,,
Rabbit	2 3/16d. ,, ,,
Other	2 9/16d. ,, ,,
Pearl-shell	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy	1 11/16d. per lb.
Tops	2¼d. ,, ,,

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st December, 1945—*continued.*

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—	
Compressed Fodder	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning	107s. per ton weight.
Copra	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	107s. ,, ,, ,,
Raw Cotton (in bales)	1¾d. per lb.
APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—	
Apparel and Attire	107s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	187s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—	
Oils, Eucalyptus	107s. per ton measurement.
Other	120s. 3d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	120s. 3d. ,, ,, ,,
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	107s. per ton measurement.
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—	
Ore (in casks)	126s. per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon	65s. per ton weight, less 2½%.
*Other than above	65s. per ton weight.
Dust (in cases)	252s. ,, ,, ,,
Sheet (in cases)	110s. ,, ,, ,,
*Copper	90s. ,, ,, ,,
*Lead	81s. ,, ,, ,,
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	111s. ,, ,, ,,
* ,, (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	127s. ,, ,, ,,
Tyres	94s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	36s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—	
Rubber	96s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather	234s. 3d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—	
Timber, Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	40s. per 100 super. feet.
,, over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	43s. ,, ,, ,,
,, over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	46s. 3d. ,, ,, ,,
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	23s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS	107s. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY	107s. ,, ,, ,,
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—	
Fertilizers	107s. ,, ,, ,,
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Soap	107s. ,, ,, ,,
Casein	168s. 3d. ,, ,, ,,
SPECIE	25s. per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st December, 1945.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From— Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans-shipped.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*
Brisbane	..	..	31 0.6	..	40 6.0	..
Sydney	31 0.6	..	..	..	29 8.4	..
Melbourne	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..	..	..
Adelaide	51 3.6	..	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..
Fremantle	62 4.8	72 4.8	55 10.8	..	49 4.8	..
Hobart	50 8.4	65 6.0	28 7.2	..	28 7.2	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2.4	51 2.4	28 7.2	..	26 0.0	..
Auckland	..	..	46 6.0	..	46 6.0	83 8.0
Wellington	..	..	47 6.0	..	47 6.0	84 8.0
Lyttleton	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Dunedin	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
New Hebrides	..	..	81 0.0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island	..	..	67 6.0	..	..	..
Papua	81 0.0	..	81 0.0	..	..	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following " war-time risk " surcharges :—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie ; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand ; 12½ per cent. on 38s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.

IMPORTS.(a)

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1941–42.	1942–43.		1943–44.		1944–45.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
	£ stg. '000.	£stg. '000.	£stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.
New South Wales ..	56,061	33,294	86,354	40,225	101,867	40,757	101,330
Victoria	59,781	28,014	110,433	27,713	90,252	27,767	64,769
Queensland	7,067	4,492	7,549	7,153	12,870	5,488	12,956
South Australia ..	7,462	3,947	5,859	3,812	4,781	4,055	4,656
Western Australia ..	4,558	2,695	3,238	2,881	3,408	3,701	4,042
Tasmania	842	957	1,009	639	1,046	700	730
Northern Territory ..	140	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estimated unrecorded ..	16,094	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	152,005 (b)	73,399	214,442	82,423	214,224	82,468	188,483

EXPORTS.(c)

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1941–42.	1942–43.		1943–44.		1944–45.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
New South Wales ..	64,137	31,859	54,263	35,332	54,089	37,509	60,837
Victoria	42,622	27,985	34,550	30,860	36,547	35,539	40,071
Queensland	21,297	17,974	18,624	16,460	17,889	15,139	18,283
South Australia ..	14,812	8,035	9,423	11,432	15,585	14,088	19,167
Western Australia ..	11,579	4,386	5,312	8,964	11,423	8,191	12,382
Tasmania	1,872	884	885	1,082	1,149	2,465	2,531
Northern Territory ..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estimated unrecorded ..	12,645	..	2,500	..	10,000	..	2,000
Total(d)	168,977 (e)	91,123	125,557	104,130	146,682	112,931	155,271

(a) Subject to revision as some imports of war materials and some goods imported for civil consumption under United States Lend-Lease and Canadian Mutual Aid have not yet been included. (b) Includes Civil Imports £stg.88,502,000. (c) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched. (d) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table. (e) Includes Civil Exports £A137,184,000.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
						Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.
1941–42..	286,932	152,005	133,229	1,698	134,927	40 4 1	21 6 0	18 13 4	0 4 9	18 18 1
1942–43..	314,687	214,442	98,084	2,161	100,245	43 10 7	29 13 3	13 11 4	0 6 0	13 17 4
1943–44..	331,336	214,224	113,790	3,321	117,111	45 7 3	29 6 7	15 11 7	0 9 1	16 0 8
1944–45..	312,452	188,483	121,042	2,927	123,969	42 15 3	25 15 11	16 11 4	0 8 0	16 19 4
1945–46 (six mths.)	147,864	83,766	61,787	2,311	64,098	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were :—1941–42, £5,791,983 ; 1942–43, £6,016,334 ; 1943–44, £8,478,714 ; 1944–45, £11,373,252 ; and 1945–46 (six months), £3,607,414.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise. (a)	Specie and Bullion.	Total. (b)	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.
1941–42..	149,356	2,649	152,005	127,209	7,718	134,927	— 22,147	5,069	— 17,078
1942–43..	212,107	2,335	214,442	100,242	3	100,245	— 111,865	— 2,332	— 114,197
1943–44..	210,028	4,196	214,224	117,103	8	117,111	— 92,925	— 4,188	— 97,113
1944–45..	186,044	2,439	188,483	123,961	8	123,969	— 62,083	— 2,431	— 64,514
1945–46 (six mths.)	82,845	921	83,766	63,826	272	64,098	— 19,019	— 649	— 19,668

(a) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) were :—1941–42, £159,328 ; 1942–43, £125,552 ; 1943–44, £146,672 ; 1944–45, £155,262 ; and 1945–46 (six months) £79,942. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown in the table above for the years 1941–42 to 1944–45 ; 1945–46 (six months), £80,283.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the December quarters of 1944 and 1945, the six months ended December 1944 and 1945, and the financial years 1943-44 and 1944-45.

Division.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.		Financial Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	120,972	136,988	256,459	267,031	469,314	506,558
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	1,442,289	1,444,048	3,009,496	2,841,078	5,644,023	5,725,003
3. Sugar	..	..	1	..	73	6
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	187,824	227,352	386,526	424,813	614,036	789,549
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	230,747	251,025	504,298	542,692	1,008,432	1,094,477
6. Metals and Machinery	221,763	192,593	454,578	426,222	1,265,365	880,057
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	2,042,224	2,932,669	4,156,757	5,218,409	7,604,181	8,526,729
8. Earthenware, &c.	32,914	48,143	71,000	111,796	134,451	152,116
9. Drugs and Chemicals	38,339	40,168	90,843	95,709	152,894	197,417
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	54,614	63,498	108,755	140,367	174,738	250,278
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	73,736	149,353	178,029	234,018	329,755	355,004
12. Leather and Rubber	77,724	54,146	148,574	87,819	275,860	226,799
13. Paper and Stationery	16,127	22,636	35,800	41,083	90,768	68,467
14. Vehicles	4,157	6,694	12,770	18,177	38,732	29,144
15. Musical Instruments	122	664	267	1,150	376	527
16. Miscellaneous	93,330	372,064	248,667	663,931	535,524	763,659
Primage	503,491	677,456	1,195,816	1,320,727	2,476,838	2,330,884
Ships' Stores	9,621	8,363	18,447	16,372	33,826	34,379
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	30,017	35,732	61,922	65,540	116,419	128,960
Total Customs	5,180,011	6,663,592	10,939,005	12,516,934	20,965,605	22,060,013
EXCISE.						
Beer	5,987,136	5,571,003	10,900,780	10,805,750	21,615,974	21,674,224
Carbonic Acid Gas	88,950	80,895	156,245	151,121	313,930	321,079
Cigarette Papers	200,167	161,558	419,817	341,137	876,630	799,126
Matches	286,223	276,752	605,190	581,684	1,199,508	1,195,737
Petrol	73,724	105,215	144,045	145,463	370,956	325,389
Playing Cards	10,021	6,557	23,755	14,220	44,381	43,918
Spirits	1,375,401	1,846,595	2,790,532	3,122,790	5,424,690	5,498,031
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	4,285,209	4,249,801	8,355,068	8,253,183	17,189,269	16,001,124
Other Excise, including Licences, &c.	68,426	106,132	123,954	216,860	246,615	252,242
Total Excise	12,375,257	12,404,508	23,519,386	23,632,208	47,281,953	46,110,870
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	17,555,268	19,068,100	34,458,391	36,149,142	68,247,558	68,170,883
Refunds and Drawback paid	386,906	464,235	793,335	927,033	1,745,291	1,684,272
TOTAL NET REVENUE	17,168,362	18,603,865	33,665,056	35,222,109	66,502,267	66,486,611

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1945. (VALUES IN BRITISH CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Bahrein Island.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	Egypt.	Iran.	Netherlands East Indies.	United States of America.	West Indies (Foreign.)	Total All Countries.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	12	..	74	..	..	84	..	..	..	..	126	..	299
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	87	..	71	702	262	64	..	..	..	..	90	1	1,787
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	1,049	..	1,082
5. Live animals	14	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	5	..	..	..	60	234	4	..	..	..	..	..	308
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	78	..	5	7	511	174	50	102	3	..	769	..	1,943
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	4,539	..	235	11	1,192	1	..	..	..	..	1,126	..	7,113
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	9	320	3	16	10	17	8	..	2,148	..	1,176	884	4,804
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	155	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	64	..	221
11. Rocks and minerals ..	19	..	6	4	2	3	15	..	..	..	157	..	288
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery	4,345	..	531	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	9,931	..	14,905
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	62	..	..	175	28	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	350
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	12	..	173	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	242	..	446
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	335	..	13	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	45	..	400
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	587	..	383	2	..	24	..	..	..	..	578	..	1,578
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	120	..	20	..	..	24	..	..	..	3	14	..	194
18. Optical, surgical, and scientific instruments	190	..	53	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	306	..	558
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	747	..	18	4	4	10	6	87	..	..	314	..	1,416
20. Miscellaneous	4,170	..	6	..	32	170	..	1	..	..	2,158	..	6,475
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	133	..	..	..	..	57	..	735
Total	15,546	320	1,591	921	2,104	982	83	190	2,151	29	18,227	885	*a*45,000

(*a*) Estimated value in Australian currency £A.56,362,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1945.
(VALUES IN AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya. (British.)	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	Egypt.	France.	Netherlands.	Netherlands East Indies.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin..	1,856	23	573	1,079	33	..	32	533	..	..	6	36	6,121
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	208	207	438	568	39	792	18	61	1	1	45	5	5,158
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	91	52	21	25	9	68	8	16	..	10	33	3	557
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof..	..	..	31	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	19	..	349
5. Live animals	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	7
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	7,489	912	..	385	..	22	1	114	829	..	..	6,847	17,533
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	119	..	1	..	..	26	1	..	..	..	..	70	220
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	49	..	6	130	2	189	35	155	2	..	1	10	797
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	100	38	21	7	..	39	1	..	1	..	..	10	629
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	2	..	40
11. Rocks and minerals ..	291	..	..	2	..	13	1	..	..	..	..	241	427
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery	659	1	28	516	4	428	189	3	256	..	8	64	3,326
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	109	1	..	1	1	157	12	15	..	1	1	..	337
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	34	3	..	..	..	51	16	..	..	..	1	3	140
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	..	2	..	2	1	39	..	..	..	..	1	1	99
16. Pulp, paper and stationery..	4	..	2	..	..	47	2	..	..	..	5	1	111
17. Fancy goods, jewellery, and timepieces	16	..	2	1	1	7	4	..	..	2	3	3	57
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	3	..	..	17	..	27	1	1	..	1	2	3	87
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	28	22	12	21	5	120	14	42	..	..	16	25	745
20. Miscellaneous	49	2	17	55	2	45	1	3	4	..	15	13	1,786
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	11,105	1,263	1,153	2,809	101	2,101	336	943	1,093	15	158	7,338	*a* 38,528

(*a*) Estimated value in British currency £Stg.30,761,000.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE. (a)

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(b)
			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	1944–45	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7	1 6.7
		1945–46	1 4.8	1 5.0	1 5.0	1 4.4	1 2.3	1 2.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wool, Scoured (c)	lb.	1944–45	2 3.8	2 3.9	2 4.4	2 3.7	2 3.7	2 2.4	2 4.0	2 3.0	2 2.2	2 3.0	2 3.3	2 2.5	2 3.3
		1945–46	1 10.3	2 4.5	2 4.0	2 4.7	2 4.7	2 3.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheepskins (with wool) ..	No.	1944–45	4 9.4	4 3.0	6 5.0	4 2.5	7 1.7	3 7.5	2 7.7	3 6.6	2 1.8	4 3.7	3 0.7	4 11.2	4 5.2
		1945–46	4 2.6	5 2.2	5 3.8	4 1.6	4 5.6	4 10.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wheat ..	bushel	1944–45	4 10.0	5 11.8	5 7.0	6 8.9	6 3.9	7 3.7	6 8.8	6 2.1	7 1.5	7 2.7	6 11.7	5 8.5	6 0.3
		1945–46	7 0.5	..	9 0.9	8 0.9	9 7.2	9 8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Flour ..	cental.	1944–45	11 7.7	11 5.3	12 0.4	11 10.4	11 2.5	12 10.9	11 10.6	12 4.7	12 8.3	13 5.9	12 7.1	15 0.0	12 0.3
		1945–46	14 1.2	14 10.2	17 8.1	17 3.2	20 9.0	21 10.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Butter ..	lb.	1944–45	1 8.6	1 8.1	1 6.7	1 9.0	1 9.3	1 9.4	1 9.2	1 8.3	1 8.4	1 9.3	1 9.2	1 9.6	1 9.1
		1945–46	1 6.5	1 6.4	1 4.3	1 5.5	1 5.7	1 6.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raisins ..	lb.	1944–45	..	0 4.6	0 5.0	0 5.5	0 5.2	0 7.3	0 6.7	0 5.4	0 4.5	0 5.4	0 5.3	0 5.0	0 5.0
		1945–46	0 5.1	0 6.8	0 5.5	0 5.9	0 5.8	0 6.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wine	gal.	1944–45	7 1.2	7 7.6	8 2.0	7 0.8	7 5.5	7 0.9	7 6.1	5 11.8	7 9.3	7 3.7	7 2.3	7 3.2	7 4.8
		1945–46	7 7.6	7 5.0	7 10.2	7 7.5	7 9.5	9 10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beef (Frozen) ..	lb.	1944–45	0 5.5	0 6.7	0 6.1	0 6.4	0 5.9	0 7.6	0 7.7	0 6.2	0 6.6	0 6.7	0 7.3	0 5.9	0 6.3
		1945–46	0 6.2	0 5.5	0 6.0	0 6.0	0 5.7	0 5.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lamb ..	lb.	1944–45	0 6.8	0 5.8	0 6.7	0 7.1	0 7.0	0 7.1	0 7.0	0 7.1	0 7.4	0 6.6	0 8.1	0 6.8	0 7.1
		1945–46	0 7.3	0 7.2	0 11.7	0 6.9	0 7.1	0 7.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mutton ..	lb.	1944–45	0 4.4	0 4.9	0 4.7	0 5.2	0 5.1	0 4.1	0 4.5	0 4.5	0 4.3	0 4.6	0 4.8	0 4.4	0 4.6
		1945–46	0 5.2	0 4.2	0 5.1	0 5.5	0 5.1	0 5.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tallow ..	cwt.	1944–45	29 0.2	29 2.8	31 7.1	30 11.9	31 3.6	31 4.2	28 10.6	35 1.7	38 4.8	33 5.5	38 2.0	35 9.6	31 9.1
		1945–46	41 9.8	32 9.0	30 1.8	45 6.9	44 7.2	53 8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	1944–45	26 4.7	26 1.6	26 0.7	28 2.9	26 2.0	26 9.0	26 11.7	27 3.2	28 5.9	29 1.4	28 9.7	34 4.8	27 8.4
		1945–46	35 1.1	34 10.0	36 1.7	37 9.6	37 3.0	37 10.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zinc Bars ..	cwt.	1944–45	41 9.0	34 3.5	26 8.0	37 5.9	29 0.5	25 0.1	28 5.6	28 3.1	26 11.3	30 4.1	30 2.3	42 4.7	31 2.7
		1945–46	39 2.0	34 8.3	44 1.6	43 11.5	41 6.2	43 8.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	1944–45	..	14 18 0	14 18 0	14 18 0	14 18 2	14 18 0	14 18 0	14 18 0	14 17 11	14 18 0	14 18 0	14 17 4	14 17 10
		1945–46	17 14 9	18 10 4	18 10 0	18 6 4	18 12 7	18 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Values in Australian currency. (b) Average price of total exports for the year. (c) Includes noils, tops and waste.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	1944–45	44,845	19,164	29,244	30,728	29,116	45,641	45,461	63,694	40,939	45,188	53,074	49,623	496,717
		1945–46	57,604	44,663	44,147	30,039	58,776	60,025	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c.	'000 lb.	1944–45	8,706	3,908	7,165	7,613	5,512	6,154	7,133	7,377	7,384	5,086	9,113	6,514	81,665
		1945–46	10,711	7,798	6,745	4,106	9,285	3,121	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheepskins (with wool)	'000 No.	1944–45	638	426	257	258	453	409	416	492	463	479	362	2,063	6,716
		1945–46	4,225	599	295	701	1,070	357	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	1944–45	4,150	7,600	6,879	4,587	3,180	2,711	1,880	1,380	8	7	1	8	32,391
		1945–46	37	..	93	1	..	243	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Flour ..	'000 cental	1944–45	369	1,912	924	2,896	1,218	698	555	789	767	324	544	199	11,195
		1945–46	450	184	298	155	402	585	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	1944–45	1,578	1,872	1,175	5,638	20,632	24,567	8,865	6,751	2,525	6,474	7,156	6,506	93,739
		1945–46	6,676	3,679	5,360	10,537	13,399	15,710	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sugar	'000 ton	1944–45	1	4	6	6	1	11	5	15	12	14	17	22	114
		1945–46	13	24	8	25	21	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	1944–45	26,829	29,162	8,171	6,696	1,376	340	700	1,188	10,907	13,784	12,752	14,470	126,375
		1945–46	5,186	2,542	2,596	1,389	3,387	1,426	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wine	'000 gal.	1944–45	112	109	114	80	171	145	109	53	135	153	183	187	1,551
		1945–46	176	180	79	131	216	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	1944–45	10,830	2,953	6,406	2,239	3,118	1,660	967	6,084	5,589	9,058	4,489	9,754	63,147
		1945–46	17,107	17,141	4,692	5,942	17,377	8,971	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lamb ..	'000 lb.	1944–45	147	716	2,521	9,170	22,308	34,730	28,373	8,045	1,784	80	859	39	108,772
		1945–46	1,917	39	9	1,202	4,990	9,978	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mutton ..	'000 lb.	1944–45	1,954	479	2,392	1,785	2,032	2,992	6,643	5,272	5,203	3,701	2,545	3,024	38,022
		1945–46	786	2,504	1,672	2,376	3,595	1,370	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tallow (Inedible)	'000 cwt.	1944–45	67	101	27	19	42	28	11	16	9	26	32	44	422
		1945–46	38	29	8	17	13	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	1944–45	606	239	467	352	242	353	504	254	202	230	236	326	4,011
		1945–46	220	150	79	356	185	188	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zinc Bars ..	'000 cwt.	1944–45	32	90	167	109	59	122	100	134	25	141	88	137	1,204
		1945–46	67	68	77	127	50	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs. (Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	December Quarter.		Six months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	5	21	311	201
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	27	20	47	63
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	8	6	14	11
Potted and Concentrated	1	4	2	8
Sausage Casings	26	9	39	43
Milk and Cream	..	3	1	3
Other Animal Foodstuffs	13	21	23	54
Total, Class I.	80	84	437	383
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel, Paste and Butter	..	20	..	84
Cocoa and Chocolate	139	191	413	512
Coffee and Chicory	53	60	215	197
Confectionery	1	8	1	8
Fruits—				
Fresh	1	1	1	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	..	..	..	1
Ginger	7	20	7	38
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	41	404	95	557
Prepared	3	..	7	2
Liquorice	10	9	13	28
Nuts, Edible	76	11	98	57
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	40	27	75	60
Spices	55	78	78	114
Sugar and Sugar Products	5	3	7	9
Tea	1,187	1,420	1,970	2,312
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	20	11	32	70
Total, Class II.	1,638	2,263	3,012	4,050
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	..	..	..	1
Whisky	55	69	220	129
Other, including Liqueurs	3	..	3	..
Total, Class III.	58	69	223	130

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes	1	..	1	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	7	3	7	8
Unmanufactured	1,098	1,728	2,046	2,804
Total, Class IV.	1,106	1,731	2,054	2,813
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.	18	30	31	67
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	12	..	18	..
Hair and Fibre	37	25	98	27
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	61	47	93	244
Sheep	..	7	..	10
Other	10	56	57	147
Silk, Raw	35	..	35	..
Wool	3	5	55	10
Other Animal Substances	2	9	5	19
Total, Class VI.	160	149	361	457
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	68	33	92	111
Cork and Cork Manufactures	26	65	54	125
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	359	355	709	773
Flax, Hemp, &c.	23	91	116	159
Kapok	25	30	36	37
Other	88	113	239	157
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	1	30	26	34
Gums and Resins	172	112	277	186
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	53	77	70	309
Linseed	347	327	604	625
Other	82	62	128	147
Tanning Substances	92	59	180	106
Other Vegetable Substances	..	140	3	669
Total, Class VII.	1,336	1,494	2,534	3,438
CLASS VIII.—(*a*) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	111	69	217	121
Corn and Flour	774	426	1,499	768
Woolpacks	237	33	771	80
Other	20	24	30	29
Cordage and Twines	27	28	85	59
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	154	112	401	231
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	248	257	615	628
Cotton	309	179	667	404
Silk	..	..	..	3
Wool	2	..	20	..
Other	18	35	30	64
Total, Class VIII. (*a*)	1,900	1,163	4,335	2,387

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS VIII.—(*b*) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	5	73	5	122
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	..	12	..	18
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	24	30	47	62
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	339	253	679	484
Cotton and Linen	5,887	1,495	9,310	3,999
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	271	360	754	630
Lace for Attire, &c.	3	..	7	..
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,388	1,071	3,168	2,672
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	6	12	11	21
Woollens	110	32	202	88
Other	372	106	647	339
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	14	9	179	14
Towels and Towelling	56	57	153	161
Other Textiles	46	294	113	827
Total, Class VIII. (*b*)	8,521	3,804	15,275	9,437
CLASS VIII.—(*c*) APPAREL.				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (not knitted)	..	2	2	3
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (knitted)	..	..	1	2
Boots and Shoes	6	5	12	7
Buttons	4	9	9	15
Gloves	..	19	...	46
Hats and Caps	4	36	22	53
Socks and Stockings	..	..	1	..
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	19	4	39	6
Trimmings and Ornaments	55	106	164	202
Other Apparel and Attire	127	52	196	155
Total, Class VIII. (*c*)	215	233	446	489
Total, Class VIII.	10,636	5,200	20,056	12,313
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	89	59	163	141
Oils—				
Kerosene	272	209	786	565
Lubricating (Mineral)	804	306	1,742	589
Olive	..	..	..	..
Petroleum	1,765	1,789	4,004	3,891
Residual	813	2,095	1,607	3,788
Turpentine	48	40	96	59
Other	203	101	449	370
Total, Class IX.	3,994	4,599	8,847	9,403
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	93	144	227	364
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	1	3	2	4
Total, Class X.	94	147	229	368

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	68	96	137	154
Stones—				
Abrasives	35	22	92	57
Other	4	..	6	..
Other Minerals, &c.	171	221	548	416
Total, Class XI.	278	339	783	627
CLASS XII.—(*a*) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	21	22	125	33
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	39	24	212	45
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	31	10	48	18
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	61	51	162	128
Channels, Girders, Joists, &c.	..	3	4	3
Pipes and Tubes	24	20	69	37
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	109	43	312	112
Tinned	1,221	315	1,957	1,440
Nails	13	5	27	8
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	3	..	6	..
Wire	23	75	59	128
Lamps and Lampware	32	24	102	53
Leaf and Foil	20	15	31	40
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	11	27	32	56
Platedware and Cutlery	93	73	263	204
Tools of Trade	333	284	759	580
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	5,762	1,467	9,056	5,925
Cycles and Cycle Parts	133	36	239	102
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	..	6	..	8
Chassis and Parts	1,453	1,148	4,200	2,988
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	120	7	264	10
Other Vehicles and Parts	185	405	1,375	1,039
Other Metals and Manufactures	258	446	692	996
Total, Class XII. (*a*)	9,945	4,506	19,994	13,953
CLASS XII.—(*b*) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators	13	26	45	54
Cable and Wire, covered	181	72	417	185
Dynamo Electric Machines	157	146	526	646
Lamps, Filament	20	31	44	75
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	226	219	486	506
Other Electrical Appliances	573	710	1,378	1,426
Total, Class XII. (*b*)	1,170	1,204	2,896	2,892

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XII.—(*c*) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	19	32	60	50
Dairying	14	29	62	58
Metal working	314	104	648	257
Mining	31	26	101	153
Motive power	2,083	1,889	4,554	4,453
Printing	5	14	8	32
Machines—				
Sewing	71	110	109	164
Sheep-shearing	10	16	25	31
Weighing	9	8	20	21
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	128	169	284	285
Yarn and Textile-making Machinery	74	103	149	213
Other Machines and Machinery	648	556	1,297	1,109
Total, Class XII. (*c*)	3,406	3,056	7,317	6,826
Total, Class XII.	14,521	8,766	30,207	23,671
CLASS XIII.—(*a*) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	460	562	742	826
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c.	4	23	9	42
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	4	31	6	57
Other	23	62	42	93
Total, Class XIII. (*a*)	491	678	799	1,018
CLASS XIII.—(*b*) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	5	10	17	16
Leather Manufactures, &c.	3	5	7	9
Total, Class XIII. (*b*)	8	15	24	25
Total, Class XIII.	499	693	823	1,043
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	27	79	74	130
Undressed	217	234	423	561
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	30	41	54	109
Total, Class XIV.	274	354	551	800
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware	140	132	275	319
Glass and Glassware	76	140	182	271
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware	22	78	44	160
Total, Class XV.	238	350	501	750

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XVI.—(*a*) PULP PAPER AND BOARD.				
Parchment	12	..	17	..
Printing	359	684	973	925
Wrapping	33	30	103	131
Writing and Typewriting	167	117	464	341
Other Paper	155	86	321	219
Pulp for Paper-making	141	159	540	426
Millboards and other boards	45	28	76	75
Total, Class XVI. (*a*)	912	1,104	2,494	2,117
CLASS XVI.—(*b*) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	325	307	811	727
Pens and Pencils	39	32	92	78
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	3	8	5	14
Other Stationery	86	93	183	186
Total, Class XVI. (*b*)	453	440	1,091	1,005
Total, Class XVI.	1,365	1,544	3,585	3,122
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	9	19	17	30
Toys, &c.	9	17	11	31
Other	18	14	39	40
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c.	..	..	..	..
Other	1	66	1	74
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	48	214	176	348
Total, Class XVII.	85	330	244	523
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	81	107	243	231
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	105	46	213	130
Phonographs, &c.	5	4	9	10
Surgical and Dental Instruments	162	106	316	281
Other Instruments	58	135	129	304
Total, Class XVIII.	411	398	910	956
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	9	52	32	100
Argol	2	..	2	..
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	13	3	60	60
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	58	118	166	306
Other	108	139	285	260
Dyes	116	112	317	220
Fertilizers	460	850	773	1,225
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	40	13	75	52
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	54	75	84	123
Perfumery and Preparations	24	21	62	52

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—*continued.*	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c.	4	21	18	37
Salt	3	4	6	7
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	49	48	95	85
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	15	1	17	16
Other	53	23	95	57
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	2	3	6	5
Other	4	10	20	33
Other Drugs and Chemicals	273	224	606	496
Total, Class XIX.	1,287	1,717	2,719	3,134
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	7	6	24	16
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	4,539	7,301	9,939	12,802
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	2	2	4	6
Brushware	4	4	6	12
Goods imported per parcel post	133	115	292	271
Musical Instruments, &c.	1	6	3	13
Oilmen's Stores	72	..	73	..
Outside Packages	642	589	1,507	1,187
Passengers' Effects	54	85	92	145
Packings for Engines	71	32	133	85
Vessels (Ships)	66	52	317	58
All other Articles	92	131	473	202
Total, Class XX.	5,683	8,323	12,863	14,797
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including Gold in matte	287	167	574	408
Silver, including Silver in matte	750	19	1,050	154
Bronze Specie	..	..	..	359
Total, Class XXI.	1,037	186	1,624	921
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	23,636	18,088	48,745	41,554
Victoria	15,240	13,507	32,619	28,122
Queensland	4,214	2,408	6,598	6,370
South Australia	741	3,601	2,185	5,180
Western Australia	843	878	2,056	1,893
Tasmania	124	195	391	514
Northern Territory	..	89	..	133
GRAND TOTAL	44,798	38,766	92,594	83,766

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.				
TOTAL IMPORTS—	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Merchandise	43,761	38,580	90,970	82,845
Bullion and Specie	1,037	186	1,624	921
GRAND TOTAL	44,798	38,766	92,594	83,766
ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.				
TOTAL IMPORTS—	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Merchandise	54,811	48,321	113,939	103,763
Bullion and Specie—				
Gold	359	209	719	511
Silver and Bronze	939	24	1,315	643
Total Bullion and Specie	1,298	233	2,034	1,154
GRAND TOTAL	56,109	48,554	115,973	104,917

EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Butter	4,508	2,985	4,903	4,152
Butter Fat (dry)	11	..	11	..
Butter Substitutes	231	139	573	219
Cheese	474	332	1,078	657
Eggs	82	720	99	808
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	27	70	61	169
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	101	234	258	662
Mutton, Dehydrated	179	..	360	13
Potted or Concentrated	47	119	73	154
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	185	767	686	1,730
Lamb	1,967	474	2,058	534
Mutton	134	161	227	258
Pork	280	401	917	588
Rabbits and Hares	7	19	65	71
Preserved in Tins	1,025	1,503	1,936	2,841
Sausage Casings	111	51	182	116
Other	211	238	315	436
Milk and Cream	504	885	733	1,230
Other Animal Foodstuffs	111	733	322	1,313
Total, Class I.	10,195	9,831	14,857	15,951

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	105	108	182	287
Biscuits	72	356	139	496
Confectionery	79	97	140	184
Fodders	7	14	35	48
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	48	26	420	121
Raisins	195	153	1,498	397
Other	18	55	29	118
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	2	16	10	50
Citrus	77	62	172	118
Other	1	11	3	13
Fruits, preserved in liquid	121	187	172	354
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	14	1,003	23	1,453
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	39	..	57	..
Wheat	3,542	118	8,684	174
Other	104	87	150	122
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	25	..	66	..
Flour (Wheaten)	2,852	1,198	4,716	1,915
Rice	138	201	233	322
Other	136	99	256	209
Jams and Fruit Jellies	146	262	409	638
Sugar	298	1,227	490	2,171
Tea	14	46	33	137
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	318	1,118	621	2,275
Total, Class II.	8,351	6,444	18,538	11,602
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	107	223	280	440
Spirits (Beverages)	88	195	318	359
Wine	149	177	283	353
Total, Class III.	344	595	881	1,152
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	45	108	82	279
Tobacco	132	150	205	329
Total, Class IV.	177	258	287	608
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	6	1	17	1
Horses	..	20	2	23
Sheep	1	4	2	6
Other Animals	10	3	14	6
Total, Class V.	17	28	35	36

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	45	..	86	..
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	59	118	107	172
Fox	9	32	71	43
Kangaroo and Wallaby	141	178	177	284
Opossum	85	57	112	65
Rabbit	775	1,041	2,853	3,594
Sheep	405	543	815	1,866
Other	34	8	71	11
Pearl-shell	..	5	..	10
Trochus-shell	7	5	14	11
Wool—				
Greasy	8,228	9,177	15,502	19,499
Scoured and Tops	2,517	2,308	5,165	5,443
Other Animal Substances	9	18	13	24
Total, Class VI.	12,314	13,490	24,986	31,022
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	229	184	363	338
Seeds	39	20	103	63
Tanning Substances	14	9	26	23
Other Vegetable Substances	15	9	39	18
Total, Class VII.	297	222	531	442
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES; TEXTILES; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	79	166	144	272
Piece Goods	590	325	691	509
Other Textiles	165	95	413	288
Boots and Shoes	11	38	34	55
Other Apparel and Attire	100	941	240	1,238
Total, Class VIII.	945	1,565	1,522	2,362
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	66	83	116	166
Oils	218	867	1,410	1,268
Tallow, unrefined	139	86	425	231
Total, Class IX.	423	1,036	1,951	1,665
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES	24	37	51	77
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Coal	52	4	102	22
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	157	64	585	106
Zinc	148	386	348	593
Other	125	214	269	364
Other Rocks and Minerals	30	9	52	19
Total, Class XI.	512	677	1,356	1,104

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	368	251	542	992
Lead—Pig and in Matte	1,288	1,433	3,008	2,230
Tin Ingots	35	8	61	55
Vehicles	80	193	158	636
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	432	577	876	1,154
Other Metals and Manufactures	171	296	317	683
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	75	97	164	173
Machines and Machinery	175	312	329	570
Total, Class XII.	2,624	3,167	5,455	6,493
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	126	106	252	283
Leather	130	182	366	329
Leather Manufactures, &c.	15	14	23	27
Total, Class XIII.	271	302	641	639
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	107	197	164	295
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	21	33	45	74
Total, Class XIV.	128	230	209	369
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE	92	74	154	173
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	15	18	25	36
Stationery	82	101	241	194
Total, Class XVI.	97	119	266	230
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	1	3	2	5
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	33	44	39	99
Total, Class XVII.	34	47	41	104
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	12	63	20	70
Photographic Goods, &c.	22	15	42	22
Talking Machines, &c.	9	13	13	22
Other Instruments	16	119	24	183
Total, Class XVIII.	59	210	99	297

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	1	..	1	..
Fertilizers	3	2	5	9
Medicines	41	124	82	261
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	8	..	10	..
Eucalyptus	17	40	61	75
Other	..	3	9	5
Perfumery and Preparations	91	158	238	376
Other Drugs and Chemicals	328	366	444	712
Total, Class XIX.	489	693	850	1,438
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	1,447	1,786	5,224	3,048
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	4	7	10	16
Oilmen's Stores	279	..	374	..
Personal and Household Effects	23	71	42	136
Vessels transferred abroad	..	89	..	129
Goods Exported per parcel post	6	15	12	24
All other Articles	318	423	508	824
Total, Class XX.	2,077	2,391	6,170	4,177
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Silver, including Silver in matte	3	339	6	342
Bronze Specie	..	..	..	..
Total, Class XXI.	3	339	6	342
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	13,695	17,605	27,842	36,368
Victoria	11,563	10,576	21,068	18,611
Queensland	5,055	6,563	9,518	12,230
South Australia	4,714	3,461	12,116	5,524
Western Australia	4,217	2,800	7,173	5,823
Tasmania	229	727	1,169	1,703
Northern Territory	..	23	..	24
Total { Australian Produce	38,946	39,751	77,137	77,389
Total { Other Produce	527	2,004	1,749	2,894
GRAND TOTAL	39,473	41,755	78,886	80,283

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1944–45.	1945–46.
AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.				
TOTAL EXPORTS—	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Merchandise	39,470	41,416	78,880	79,942
Bullion and Specie—				
Australian Produce	3	339	6	341
Other Produce	..	..	..	..
Total, Bullion and Specie	3	339	6	341
GRAND TOTAL	39,473	41,755	78,886	80,283
ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.				
TOTAL EXPORTS—	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Merchandise	31,513	33,066	62,978	63,826
Bullion and Specie—				
Gold	..	..	..	..
Silver and Bronze	2	271	5	272
Total, Bullion and Specie	2	271	5	272
GRAND TOTAL	31,515	33,337	62,983	64,098
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN GOLD PRODUCTION ..	1,692	1,784	3,626	3,732

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(*a*)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.
QUANTITY.						
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1941–42 ..	1,303,472	314,573	57,643	1,172,565	1,749,399	342,404
1942–43 ..	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,970
1943–44 ..	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172
1944–45 ..	937,391	335,138	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818
1945–46 (6 months) ..	553,098	120,824	66,759	711,499	304,374	161,789

(*a*) Includes Veal.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(*a*)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.
VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)						
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1941–42 ..	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108
1942–43 ..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86
1943–44 ..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587
1944–45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437
1945–46 (6 months) ..	4,146	656	660	1,730	792	588

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid—Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Pine-apples, and Other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Other.				Greasy.	Scoured. (*b*)
QUANTITY.							
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Bushels.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1941–42..	1,434,660	39,731	499,131	22,312,622	8,273,681	7,363,434	927,842
1942–43..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	22,544,103	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943–44..	1,680,747	36,299	211,678	33,658,458	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944–45..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1945–46 (6 months)	229,470	17,894	146,334	373,622	2,074,239	2,952,546	417,663
VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)							
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1941–42..	2,421	146	908	4,645	4,191	47,832	10,209
1942–43..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,494	37,694	6,624
1943–44..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,232	9,535
1944–45..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945–46 (6 months)	518	118	353	174	1,915	19,499	5,443

(*a*) Includes Veal. (*b*) Includes Tops, Noils and Waste.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July–December, 1945–46 and 1944–45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1945–46.	1944–45.
BUTTER.								
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	1,685	19,907	23,046	599	2,229	..	47,466	3,434	51,432
Ceylon ..	424	1,403	..	..	67	..	1,894	152	1,244
India ..	..	1,455	..	..	..	..	1,455	133	119
Malaya (British)	33	18	..	..	..	..	51	5	..
Pacific Islands	601	..	..	..	..	..	601	53	41
Union of South Africa ..	112	90	..	..	..	..	202	18	112
Other British Countries ..	2,375	291	145	..	1	..	2,812	279	1,330
Egypt ..	195	407	..	..	..	..	602	49	1,024
Pacific Islands	113	1	..	..	..	..	114	11	135
Other Foreign Countries ..	63	50	..	..	..	..	113	12	24
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	5,601	23,622	23,191	599	2,297	..	55,310	..	..
1944–45..	4,220	35,329	13,342	685	1,850	35	..	..	55,461
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	513	1,597	1,833	43	160	..	..	4,146	..
1944–45..	370	3,107	1,186	61	165	3	..	..	4,892
CHEESE.									
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	1	485	255	1,804	..	..	2,545	97	4,543
Ceylon ..	..	397	..	..	..	..	397	17	330
India ..	3,627	3,180	..	..	..	..	6,807	382	6,882
Pacific Islands	26	..	..	..	..	..	26	2	89
Other British Countries ..	747	89	78	..	10	..	924	66	3,133
Egypt ..	50	1,158	..	..	..	..	1,208	81	3,850
Iraq	45	..	..	..	..	..	45	3	90
Pacific Islands	33	..	..	..	..	..	33	3	41
Other Foreign Countries ..	59	37	..	..	1	..	97	5	..
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	4,588	5,346	333	1,804	11	..	12,082	..	..
1944–45..	5,408	8,968	384	4,198	..	..	..	..	18,958
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	228	341	17	69	1	..	..	656	..
1944–45..	324	580	16	158	..	..	..	..	1,078

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							1945–46.	1944–45.

BACON AND HAMS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	..	10	..	..	..	10	1	24
Ceylon ..	539	1,069	168	..	277	..	2,053	179	1,489
India ..	..	465	..	..	..	..	465	36	41
Pacific Islands	80	..	..	..	..	..	80	11	310
Union of South Africa ..	122	..	..	..	..	..	122	10	2
Other British Countries ..	1,875	56	23	..	262	..	2,216	212	760
Egypt ..	1,239	18	..	..	..	..	1,257	176	236
Iran	..	..	..	..	57	..	57	4	23
Italy	264	..	..	..	..	..	264	17	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	151	1	..	..	..	..	152	14	51
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	4,270	1,609	201	..	596	..	6,676	..	..
1944–45..	1,925	448	255	25	283	..	..	..	2,936
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	463	137	14	..	46	..	..	660	..
1944–45..	174	39	21	2	19	..	..	..	255

BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL)—FROZEN AND CHILLED.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	16	807	32,782	..	..	..	33,605	744	7,051
Ceylon ..	2,681	263	841	..	83	..	3,868	95	6,739
India ..	..	34	24,256	..	..	..	24,290	578	2,085
Pacific Islands	1,154	..	..	..	..	..	1,154	43	498
Union of South Africa ..	40	11	..	..	..	..	51	1	472
Other British Countries ..	3,011	103	2,256	..	1	..	5,371	195	8,353
Egypt ..	276	128	..	..	..	..	404	15	724
Iraq	..	..	2,192	..	..	..	2,192	49	168
Netherlands East Indies ..	212	..	..	..	..	..	212	10	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	(a)	729
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	7,390	1,349	62,327	..	84	..	71,150	..	..
1944–45..	6,143	2,998	16,266	..	1,412	..	..	..	26,819
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000
Value—									
1945–46..	263	35	1,430	..	2	..	..	1,730	..
1944–45..	169	82	382	..	43	..	..	..	676

(a) Under £500.

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							1945–46.	1944–45

MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	6,707	7,638	2,209	2,635	2,981	..	22,170	601	71,240
Ceylon ..	300	4,603	..	..	..	..	4,903	123	3,555
India ..	..	1,518	..	..	..	..	1,518	25	4,090
Pacific Islands	272	..	..	..	..	..	272	6	303
Union of South Africa ..	..	336	..	..	..	..	336	8	476
Other British Countries ..	63	..	..	..	..	..	63	3	1,106
Egypt ..	167	..	..	..	..	..	167	4	349
Netherlands East Indies ..	13	..	..	..	..	..	13	(a)	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	623	360	12	..	..	..	995	22	3
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	8,145	14,455	2,221	2,635	2,981	..	30,437	..	..
1944–45..	13,548	40,827	2,031	18,795	5,228	693	..	..	81,122
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	222	374	45	73	78	..	..	792	..
1944–45..	380	1,169	37	538	138	20	..	..	2,282

(a) Under £500.

PORK.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	64	5,334	3,283	3,165	3,528	..	15,374	550	22,920
Ceylon ..	..	501	..	..	..	..	501	22	841
Union of South Africa ..	..	144	..	..	..	..	144	8	62
Other British Countries ..	12	35	..	..	..	..	47	2	160
Egypt ..	85	..	..	..	..	..	85	4	227
Iraq	..	..	22	..	..	..	22	1	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	4	2	..	..	..	..	6	1	4
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	165	6,016	3,305	3,165	3,528	..	16,179	..	..
1944–45..	1,880	8,387	2,210	8,775	2,675	287	..	..	24,214
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	8	232	113	118	117	..	..	588	..
1944–45..	76	320	82	334	90	15	..	..	917

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Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1945–46.	1944–45.
FRUITS, DRIED—CURRANTS.								
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	902	..	461	3,533	..	4,896	85	20,081
Canada ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	(a)	3,459
Ceylon ..	..	24	..	..	..	..	24	1	24
India ..	..	33	..	..	..	..	33	1	..
New Zealand ..	..	726	..	330	..	..	1,056	20	487
Other British Countries ..	210	162	..	..	..	..	372	12	134
Egypt ..	..	19	..	..	..	..	19	1	15
Other Foreign Countries ..	19	..	..	..	..	..	19	1	3
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	229	1,868	..	791	3,533	..	6,421	..	..
1944–45..	93	9,212	..	11,525	3,373	..	..	..	24,203
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000
Value—									
1945–46..	8	36	..	14	63	..	..	121	..
1944–45..	3	148	..	215	54	..	..	..	420

(a) Under £500.

FRUITS, DRIED—RAISINS (INCLUDING SULTANAS AND LEXIAS.)

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	4,391	..	390	..	..	4,781	104	43,534
Canada ..	..	242	..	1,358	..	..	1,600	45	22,627
Ceylon ..	..	457	..	..	..	..	457	10	248
New Zealand ..	..	8,123	..	776	..	..	8,899	209	5,928
Other British Countries ..	597	84	3	..	..	..	684	25	228
Egypt ..	..	31	..	..	21	..	52	2	3
Other Foreign Countries ..	53	..	..	..	..	..	53	2	6
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	650	13,328	3	2,524	21	..	16,526	..	..
1944–45..	305	51,977	11	20,281	..	..	..	..	72,574
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	25	298	(a)	73	1	..	..	397	..
1944–45..	9	997	(a)	492	..	..	..	..	1,498

(a) Under £500.

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Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1945–46.	1944–45.

FRUITS, DRIED—APPLES, APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PRUNES AND OTHER DRIED FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	14	..	..	..	..	14	(a)	25
Ceylon ..	..	35	..	..	..	..	35	1	125
India ..	..	24	..	..	..	..	24	1	47
New Zealand ..	..	19	..	23	..	..	42	3	19
Pacific Islands	125	2	..	..	..	..	127	9	132
Other British Countries ..	1,315	72	27	..	..	..	1,414	96	299
Egypt ..	..	18	..	..	..	..	18	1	31
Other Foreign Countries ..	112	3	..	..	..	..	115	7	1
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	1,552	187	27	23	..	..	1,789	..	..
1944–45..	236	163	133	19	47	..	..	..	679
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	106	8	2	2	..	..	..	118	..
1944–45..	15	5	3	1	4	..	..	..	28

(a) Under £500.

FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID—APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PINEAPPLES AND OTHER FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	721	..	..	..	..	721	22	770
Ceylon ..	1	521	..	..	..	..	522	13	1,732
India ..	..	3,994	..	..	31	135	4,160	76	..
Malaya (British)	187	..	..	..	..	..	187	5	..
New Zealand ..	160	1,469	..	..	..	..	1,629	43	1,076
Pacific Islands	597	71	21	..	..	..	689	17	1,615
Other British Countries ..	5,779	106	117	..	22	..	6,024	158	869
Egypt ..	..	87	..	..	..	..	87	2	20
Other Foreign Countries ..	541	73	..	..	..	..	614	17	62
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	7,265	7,042	138	..	53	135	14,633	..	..
1944–45..	3,725	1,722	429	..	268	..	..	..	6,144
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	191	154	5	..	1	2	..	353	..
1944–45..	93	41	12	..	27	..	..	..	173

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Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1945–46.	1944–45.
WHEAT.								
	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	£A.'000.	'000. bushels.
Africa, British East	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	344
Ceylon	..	..	..	86	..	..	86	40	602
India	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,301
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,383
Rhodesia, Northern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	342
Union of South Africa	..	..	..	..	287	..	287	134	142
Other British Countries	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	(a)	27
Iran	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Iraq	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	725
Italy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,600
Mexico	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,681
Peru	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,288
United States of America	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,545
Other Foreign Countries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46	1	..	..	86	287	..	374	..	..
1944–45	166	38	..	15,127	13,776	..	..	..	29,107
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46	(a)	..	..	40	134	..	..	174	..
1944–45	44	10	..	4,657	3,973	..	..	..	8,684

(a) Under £500.

FLOUR.

	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	£A.'000.	'000. cental.
United Kingdom	65	..	..	..	..	..	65	75	660
Ceylon	..	..	..	250	638	..	888	881	2,728
India	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1,430
Malaya (British)	9	..	..	..	..	..	9	11	..
Mauritius	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	619
New Zealand	..	..	..	241	..	..	241	190	9
Union of South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Other British Countries	213	1	..	..	204	..	418	339	192
Egypt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,638
Iraq	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	179
Italy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	316
Madagascar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Pacific Islands	106	..	..	..	..	..	106	111	153
Other Foreign Countries	272	7	5	..	62	..	346	307	..
Total Six Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46	665	9	5	491	904	..	2,074	..	..
1944–45	2,714	2,696	16	1,791	800	..	..	..	8,017
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46	629	10	4	450	822	..	..	1,915	..
1944–45	1,635	1,521	19	1,055	486	..	..	..	4,716

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July–December, 1945–46 and 1944–45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1945–46.	1944–45.

WOOL—GREASY.

	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	£A.'000.	'000. cental.
United Kingdom	611	121	317	43	292	24	1,408	9,883	1,135
Canada ..	5	7	..	5	2	1	20	131	12
India ..	..	8	..	..	..	..	8	68	13
Other British Countries ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	..
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Mexico ..	5	9	1	1	1	..	17	179	1
Turkey ..	43	6	..	..	..	..	49	381	12
United States of America ..	368	122	362	146	162	8	1,168	7,635	812
Other Foreign Countries ..	111	74	97	..	..	..	282	1,218	..
Total Six Months— Quantity—									
1945–46..	1,143	348	777	195	457	33	2,953	..	..
1944–45..	510	528	567	122	181	79	..	..	1,987
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	7,704	2,571	4,897	1,113	2,965	249	..	19,499	..
1944–45..	3,981	4,119	4,420	956	1,412	614	..	..	15,502

WOOL—SCOURED TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.

	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	£A.'000.	'000. cental.
United Kingdom	24	23	16	24	22	8	117	1,350	183
Canada ..	11	23	..	7	3	6	50	734	38
India ..	3	29	..	..	..	..	32	720	30
New Zealand ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	24	2
Other British Countries ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	65	..
Egypt ..	4	5	..	..	..	..	9	153	7
Iraq	4	3	..	..	..	..	7	103	1
Mexico ..	9	11	3	6	1	..	30	421	13
United States of America ..	72	24	34	11	20	1	162	1,789	113
Other Foreign Countries ..	4	2	..	..	..	..	6	84	4
Total Six Months— Quantity—									
1945–46..	132	124	53	48	46	15	418	..	..
1944–45..	113	128	81	33	22	14	..	..	391
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A. '000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1945–46..	1,601	1,999	589	574	502	178	..	5,443	..
1944–45..	1,535	1,933	919	393	225	160	..	..	5,165

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.	1944–45.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
TAXATION—					
Customs	29,410	25,209	20,806	20,607	21,488
Excise	24,370	31,572	44,072	46,685	45,689
Sales Tax	19,793	26,830	28,846	27,909	29,672
Flour Tax	1,499	1,652	1,709	1,940	1,996
Land Tax	3,191	3,691	3,873	3,819	3,664
Income Tax(*a*)	43,305	77,564	141,027	183,799	215,534
Pay-roll Tax	..	8,963	10,451	10,903	11,088
Gold Tax	1,452	1,030	525	318	343
Estate Duty	2,364	2,845	2,696	2,761	3,090
Entertainments Tax	..	...	2,994	4,704	5,027
Gift Duty	..	80	145	222	329
Total Taxation	125,384	179,436	257,144	303,667	337,920
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	19,075	21,639	24,391	26,679	27,872
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	462	694	1,226	1,027	989
Central Australia	244	742	1,584	1,737	1,046
North Australia	186	306	792	823	820
Australian Capital Territory	8	5	15	15	11
Total Railways	900	1,747	3,617	3,602	2,866
Total Business Undertakings	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281	30,738
TERRITORIES(*b*)	507	492	447	482	455
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest(*c*)	1,186	997	1,081	1,166	1,202
Coinage	753	868	2,589	2,028	1,307
Defence	304	835	1,490	202	126
Civil Aviation	138	185	401	770	1,173
Health	14	114	14	24	12
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	57	55	58	67	77
Bankruptcy	32	25	23	17	16
Commerce—					
Wool levy(*d*)	84	86	82	85	75
Other	3	37	258	115	13
Marine	134	133	101	96	261
Net Profit, Note Issue	1,462	1,658	2,248	2,629	2,949
Balance of Trust Accounts	31	1,600	218	127	102
Other	418	134	297	432	428
Total	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,758	7,741
Grand Total	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188	376,854
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PER HEAD(*e*)—					
Taxation	17 14 9	25 2 10	35 14 5	41 15 10	46 0 7
Business Undertakings	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4	4 3 9
Other	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10	1 2 8	1 2 3
Total	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10	51 6 7

(*a*) Includes War-time (Company) Tax and Super Tax. (*b*) Excludes Railways—*see* Business Undertakings. (*c*) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States). (*d*) For Publicity and Research. (*e*) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.	1944–45.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange	9,569	9,682	9,384	9,313	9,121
War Pensions	8,042	7,909	8,346	9,267	9,250
Repatriation	845	829	850	902	759
Other	147	198	141	122	159
Total, War, &c.	18,603	18,618	18,721	19,604	19,289
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange	2,640	7,112	15,119	24,762	34,198
War Pensions	..	207	662	1,737	2,771
Other	63,041	101,915	143,697	141,344	157,605
Total, Defence, War, &c.	65,681	109,234	159,478	167,843	194,574
Total Cost of Departments (*a*)—					
Governor-General	30	31	29	32	49
Parliament	548	473	487	599	603
Prime Minister and External Territories	1,283	1,350	1,384	1,623	1,651
External Affairs	142	200	216	251	244
Treasury	2,425	2,949	3,564	3,779	3,936
Attorney-General	297	319	351	387	434
Interior	963	955	917	881	937
Civil Aviation	392	337	350	360	439
Trade and Customs	963	956	872	816	873
Health	296	300	386	379	393
Commerce and Agriculture	911	976	1,022	1,034	1,043
Social Services	162	282	393	412	443
Supply and Shipping	229	241	246	275	273
Business Undertakings (*a*)—					
Postmaster-General	15,877	17,528	19,939	22,481	23,993
Railways	1,508	1,995	2,726	3,069	2,795
Territories (*a*) (*b*)—					
Australian Capital Territory	679	698	677	698	737
Northern Territory	462	520	329	302	295
Papua	86	39	5	5	5
New Guinea	7	17	2	2	2
Norfolk Island	4	6	5	4	4
Total, Territories	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011	1,043
New Works (*c*)	3,212	3,305	3,961	4,677	5,705
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,699	21,701
Child Endowment	..	11,303	11,660	12,257	12,036
Widows' Pensions	..	..	2,359	2,801	2,965
Maternity Allowances	407	358	281	2,287	2,543
Funeral Benefit	..	..	..	105	164
National Welfare Fund—Balance	..	..	..	25,525	27,293
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,557	1,580	1,588	1,578	1,683
Special Grants	2,050	2,300	2,175	2,470	2,846
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	3,484	2,128	1,603	1,487	2,201
Income Tax Reimbursement	..	..	26,432	32,047	32,666
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement	..	..	574	766	766
Other Grants	250	138	140	127	122
Total to or for States (*d*)	14,926	13,731	40,097	46,060	47,869
Relief to Primary Producers	3,023	4,063	(*e*) 1,709	(*e*) 1,941	(*e*) 3,566
Grand Total	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188	376,854
Per Head of Population (*f*)	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10	£51 6 7

(*a*) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (*b*) Excludes Railways—*see* Business Undertakings. (*c*) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services. (*d*) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (*e*) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942–43, £12,322,000 during 1943–44 and £14,280,000 during 1944–45. (*f*) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.	1944–45.	Total to 30th June, 1945.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Defence and War (1939–45) Services—General Services, Works, &c.	101,581	210,877	402,852	377,157	266,040	1,387,321
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	..	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	Cr. 1	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 3	..	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department—						
Telegraph and Telephone Construction	1,689	940	..	..	..	36,057
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c.	221	245	..	..	..	4,080
Subscription to Capital of Amalgamated Wireless Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	300
Radio Stations and Equipment	3	15	..	..	..	104
Serum and Health Laboratories	..	..	..	..	..	80
Other Health Buildings and Services	..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	22
Repatriation Buildings, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	Cr. 2	Cr. 18	Cr. 35	Cr. 10	Cr. 41	13,775
Territories (b)	Cr. 4	Cr. 7	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	Cr. 8	8,804
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 45	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(c) 223	..	2,667
Mining	..	..	..	..	..	284
Forestry	..	..	..	..	..	322
Farmers' Debt Adjustment	500	165	235	..	..	7,967
Roads	..	..	..	..	..	250
Wire and Wire Netting	..	..	..	..	..	609
Drought Relief	1,270	597	Cr. 23	..	..	1,844
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,628	1,929	165	206	Cr. 50	110,543
GRAND TOTAL	105,209	212,806	403,017	377,363	265,990	1,497,864

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923–24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T. (c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939–45) at 31st December, 1945.

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	%	
1/12/39	12,000	C'wlth. Bank	2,000	10,000	3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3⅜, 3⅝	1945, 1950–56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3¼	1945, 1950–56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2⅜, 3¼	1945, 1950–56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2¼, 3¼	1946, 1950–56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41	30,000	83,378	34,159	..	2½, 3¼	1945–46, 1950–57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½, 3½	1945–46, 1950–58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42	35,000	196,513	37,373	..	2½, 3¼	1946–47, 1950–58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42	77,300	454,865	82,667	..	2½, 3½	1946–47, 1950–58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43	100,000	432,555	101,806	..	2½, 3¼	1947–48, 1950–59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43	125,000	567,695	126,408	..	2¼, 3¼	1947–48, 1950–59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44	150,000	452,700	150,549	..	2¼, 3½	1948–49, 1950–60
26/9/44 to 4/11/44	112,479	421,517	113,938	..	2¼, 3¼	1948–49, 1950–60
13/3/45 to 27/4/45	100,000	418,930	107,279	..	2½, 3½	1949–50, 1950–61
25/9/45 to 15/11/45	85,000	(b)258,000	(b)86,300	..	2¼, 3¼	1949–50, 1950–61
Total	962,779	3,656 920	(a)967,444	36,489	..	..

(a) In addition, £6,586,016 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes. (b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939–45), as at 31st December, 1945, *see* following table.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (*a*)	£'000 (*b*)
War (1914–19)	159,471	90,369	..	249,840
War (1939–45)—				
Stock and Bonds ..	942,842	5,775	..	948,617
Advance Loan Subscriptions	7,565	..	..	7,565
National Savings Bonds..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps	54	..	..	54
Citizens' National Emergency Loans ..	4,062	247	..	4,309
War Savings Certificates	54,312	..	..	54,312
War Savings Stamps ..	377	..	..	377
Treasury Bills—Internal	91,600	..	..	91,600
Bank ..	385,280	..	..	385,280
Total	1,487,884	6,022	..	1,493,906
Works and other Purposes	47,387	53,535	15,790	116,712
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	1,694,742	149,926	15,790	1,860,458
Per Head of Population(*c*)	£229 13 10	£20 6 4	£2 2 10	£252 3 0
State—				
Debts of the States ..	541,510	337,608	25,305	904,423
Per Head of Population(*d*)	£73 11 10	£45 17 7	£3 8 9	£122 18 2
Total Public Debt ..	2,236,252	487,534	41,095	2,764,881
Per Head of Population(*c*)	£303 1 8	£66 1 6	£5 11 5	£374 14 7

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(*a*)	£(*e*)
War (1914–19)	5,971,416	(*f*) 395,968	..	6,367,384
War (1939–45)	35,821,094	231,000	..	36,052,094
Works and other Purposes	1,352,592	1,781,300	771,780	3,905,672
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	43,145,102	2,408,268	771,780	46,325,150
Average Rate per cent.(*g*)	£2 11 1	£3 8 10	£4 17 9	£2 12 2
State—				
Debts of the States ..	17,577,142	11,733,265	1,257,408	30,567,815
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 4 11	£3 9 6	£4 19 5	£3 7 7
Grand Total	60,722,244	14,141,533	2,029,188	76,892,965
Average Rate per cent.(*g*) ..	£2 14 5	£3 9 5	£4 18 9	£2 17 5

(*a*) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of $4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (*b*) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (*c*) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 30th June, 1945 (subject to revision). (*d*) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 30th June, 1945 (subject to revision). (*e*) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (*f*) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,000) due to British Government. (*g*) Interest Free Loans, War and National Savings Stamps excluded when calculating rate.

COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1945.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1945.		Pensions Paid during 1944–45. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
						s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales(c)	103,429	25,975	129,404	355	89	50 6	52 10	8,993,577	62 0
Victoria ..	67,240	12,598	79,838	334	63	51 10	52 4	5,604,739	55 11
Queensland ..	32,710	9,085	41,795	303	84	52 1	52 9	2,943,029	54 11
South Australia(d)	22,030	4,510	26,540	347	71	50 8	51 11	1,811,704	57 5
Western Australia	17,713	3,414	21,127	360	69	51 2	52 3	1,473,298	60 4
Tasmania ..	9,512	2,699	12,211	384	109	51 4	52 6	874,780	70 11
Total ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	51 2	52 7	21,701,127e	59 1

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners.

COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
						£	s. d.
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38 5
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c)41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c)48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c)51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(c)51 11
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943–44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 11s. July, 1945. Rate £3 5s. 0d. from 5th July, 1945. On 6th April, 1944, adjustments made on retail price index-numbers were abolished. (d) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1944–45.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c) ..	205,472	365,436	705	1,253	4,699,888	32 5
Victoria	131,526	224,146	653	1,112	2,984,646	29 9
Queensland	81,047	152,257	751	1,411	1,983,075	37 0
South Australia (d)	42,381	71,918	667	1,134	934,578	29 8
Western Australia	38,643	68,316	786	1,390	905,508	37 1
Tasmania	19,224	38,354	776	1,547	528,554	42 11
Total 1944–45 ..	518,293	920,427	702	1,246	12,036,249	32 9
1943–44 ..	503,140	903,577	689	1,237	12,256,976	33 9

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,116 in 335 institutions at 30th June, 1945; 18,396 in 321 institutions at 30th June, 1944. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1944–45.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.(c)
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales (d) ..	17,022	58	6,924	5 10 0	1,200,589	8 4
Victoria	12,614	63	3,575	5 2 7	799,652	8 0
Queensland	6,492	60	2,332	5 6 2	436,943	8 2
South Australia (e)	3,569	56	1,023	5 2 10	231,932	7 4
Western Australia	2,894	59	812	5 2 4	192,763	7 11
Tasmania	1,564	63	618	5 6 0	103,567	8 5
Total 1944–45 ..	44,155	60	15,284	5 6 1	2,965,446	8 1
1943–44 ..	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,702	7 8

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. (b) Exeludes nine (1944–45) and eight (1943–44) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538
1943 ..	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
1944 (b) ..	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945 ..	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
Total since 10.10.12	1,460,696	960,323	557,562	321,678	237,073	158,165	1,124	3,696,621	21,544,746

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the income limit was abolished. From 5th April, 1944, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £5; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £6; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £7 10s. An allowance of £1 5s. per week is payable for the four weeks immediately before and after birth of child and increased to £1 17s. 6d. per week when twins are born and to £2 10s. per week when triplets are born. (c) Included with South Australia.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Employment.	Number of War Pensioners.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales(*a*) ..	40,381	13,174	51,465	105,020	1 16 5	1 12 0	1 9 8
Victoria	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2 7 3	1 9 2	2 1 0
Queensland	12,270	3,917	15,388	31,575	1 18 5	0 16 10	1 10 11
South Australia (*b*) ..	7,624	3,363	9,829	20,816	2 8 0	2 2 6	2 1 1
Western Australia ..	10,197	3,577	13,912	27,686	1 15 0	1 13 1	1 9 3
Tasmania	4,365	1,292	6,424	12,081	2 18 0	1 1 1	2 4 10
United Kingdom ..	1,400	1,625	1,846	4,931	2 12 10	2 14 2	2 15 11
Elsewhere .. .	311	122	310	743	1 16 0	1 10 10	1 13 2
Total 1944-45	106,746	37,825	136,508	281,079	2 3 8	1 4 11	1 12 1
1943-44 .	90,358	35,157	118,947	244,462	2 6 6	1 5 11	1 13 6

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (*a*)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (*b*)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Old-age (Members of Forces)	1,687	1,170	704	355	437	84	4,437
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,011	894	736	417	440	204	3,702
Dependants ..	1,046	1,036	644	438	417	226	3,807
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	116	81	15	19	19	8	258
Dependants ..	159	112	20	26	30	15	362
Total 1944-45 ..	4,019	3,293	2,119	1,255	1,343	537	12,566
1943-44 ..	4,040	3,264	2,119	1,254	1,369	538	12,584
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 5 5	2 5 1	2 6 11	2 6 7	2 1 8	2 5 5	2 5 4
Dependants	1 12 3	1 12 7	1 12 7	1 13 4	1 13 0	1 10 7	1 12 6
All Pensioners 1944-45	2 1 6	2 0 8	2 2 5	2 1 8	1 18 9	1 18 9	2 1 1
1943-44	2 0 6	2 0 3	2 1 3	2 0 3	1 18 7	1 16 10	2 0 2

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

Place of Payment.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
(i) War Pensions.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(*a*)	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,897,870	3,661,182	4,068,399
Victoria	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522	3,245,026
Queensland	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089	1,291,869
South Australia(*b*)	497,743	485,919	494,166	575,168	763,350	851,527
Western Australia	685,019	671,457	668,617	752,885	941,924	1,052,734
Tasmania	404,154	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,675	551,350
Elsewhere	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854	258,867	336,480
Total	7,682,246	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609	11,397,385
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796
(ii) Service Pensions.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(*a*)	148,599	162,935	185,315	218,173	216,001	199,535
Victoria	118,577	126,975	140,916	163,116	163,377	169,716
Queensland	80,364	88,088	106,120	119,032	113,143	113,847
South Australia(*b*)	54,377	57,758	60,105	61,953	63,525	66,651
Western Australia	51,651	55,783	64,652	73,503	72,096	72,158
Tasmania	18,695	19,564	22,548	24,332	24,392	27,089
Total	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534	648,996
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	..	..	2,314	6,403	7,528

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1943-44.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Under £201	487,649	4,759,644	9 15 2	2.4
£201 to £500	1,204,315	54,205,459	45 0 2	26.8
£501 to £1,000	214,330	30,869,077	144 0 6	15.3
£1,001 and over	59,973	57,230,074	954 5 3	28.3
Total individuals	1,966,267	147,064,254	74 15 10	72.8
Companies	15,697	(b) 54,831,401	3,493 2 3	27.2
GRAND TOTAL	..	201,895,655	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1942-43. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,304,961, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,154,536, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £10,359,996.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937–38.	1938–39.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	225,774,692	228,207,419	234,273,013	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564	1,685,096	1,444,489
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136	275,288,688
Absentee	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,080,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	a57,636,000	a56,695,994	a56,131,125	a63,556,163	a62,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427*d.*	1.592*d.*	1.680*d.*	2.985*d.*	3.426*d.*

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.
NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1944-45.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ £	No.	£	£	£
1– 1,000	3,234	7,329,527	1,321,129	39,701
1,001– 2,000	1,694	5,769,269	2,486,100	74,036
2,001– 3,000	1,093	5,100,251	2,704,782	80,742
3,001– 4,000	717	4,085,050	2,480,478	74,196
4,001– 5,000	524	3,571,480	2,341,387	70,255
5,001–10,000	1,250	11,761,075	8,691,659	260,605
10,001–20,000	755	12,956,558	10,666,113	468,542
20,001–50,000	403	14,391,063	11,696,450	954,067
50,001 and over	84	9,222,134	6,895,583	1,300,845
Total	9,754	74,186,347	49,283,681	3,322,989

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1944–45.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		7½ per cent.(d)	12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	
1942–43.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
September Quarter	151,614	..	45,619	8,513	54,132	7,825
December ,,	151,789	..	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
March ,,	145,363	..	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
June ,,	147,697	..	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total Year	596,463	..	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007
1943–44.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
September Quarter	152,438	11,909	35,108	7,356	54,373	7,118
December ,,	156,573	14,079	32,064	8,587	54,730	7,210
March ,,	145,587	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321	6,625
June ,,	151,072	14,326	32,543	6,919	53,788	6,871
Total Year	605,670	53,461	130,948	29,803	214,212	27,824
1944-45.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July	51,212	5,051	11,359	2,729	19,139	2,481
August	56,640	6,167	12,255	2,935	21,357	2,726
September	54,499	5,644	11,091	2,818	19,553	2,514
Total September Quarter	162,351	16,862	34,705	8,482	60,049	7,721
October	54,955	5,445	10,773	3,066	19,284	2,521
November	54,451	5,272	11,353	3,134	19,759	2,598
December	51,469	5,042	10,224	3,064	18,330	2,422
Total December Quarter	160,875	15,759	32,350	9,264	57,373	7,541
January	46,794	4,046	10,217	2,418	16,681	2,185
February	49,074	5,529	10,544	2,806	18,879	2,434
March	52,748	6,292	11,816	2,829	20,937	2,656
Total March Quarter	148,616	15,867	32,577	8,053	56,497	7,275
April	47,909	5,464	10,321	2,570	18,355	2,343
May	54,639	5,642	11,458	2,854	19,954	2,569
June	52,752	5,155	11,293	2,607	19,055	2,451
Total June Quarter	155,300	16,261	33,072	8,031	57,364	7,363
Total Year	627,142	64,749	132,704	33,830	231,283	29,900
1945–46.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July	54,172	5,590	11,844	2,989	20,423	2,647
August	55,135	6,032	11,388	3,044	20,464	2,637
September(e)	53,200	6,100	11,000	3,000	20,100	2,583
Total September Quarter(e)	162,507	17,722	34,232	9,033	60,987	7,867

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (d) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (e) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1944–45 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £800,000 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £75,013,299, and from the Expenditure total of £74,045,272. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. In South Australia the Special Grant received under section 6 of the *State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act* 1942 (£553,000) has been extended, as this grant was not paid until after 30th June, 1945.

STATE REVENUES, 1944-45.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(*a*)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation (*b*) ..	6,082	4,295	2,331	1,911	(*c*) 942	921	16,482
Railways	31,577	15,590	13,683	(*d*) 5,521	4,271	..	70,642
Tramways (*e*) ..	5,790	(*f*) 129	..	..	510	..	6,429
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,993	2,599		2,151	2,078	4	8,825
Land	1,654	938	1,640	241	349	91	4,913
Interest (n.e.i.) ..	421	1,474	899	875	463	450	4,582
Commonwealth Payments (*g*)	17,908	8,923	6,830	(*h*) 4,193	3,964	1,925	43,743
All other Sources ..	8,788	1,325	1,064	668	1,377	266	13,488
Total Revenue ..	74,213	35,273	26,447	15,560	13,954	3,657	169,104
Total Revenue per head (*i*) ..	£ s. d. 25 14 6	£ s. d. 17 11 9	£ s. d. 24 13 8	£ s. d. 24 17 8	£ s. d. 28 11 8	£ s. d. 14 16 7	£ s. d. 23 1 11

Year ended 30th June—	STATE REVENUES 1938–39 AND 1941–42 TO 1944–45.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	51,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1942	65,866	33,112	23,663	15,002	11,940	(*a*) 3,359	152,942
1943	71,534	36,490	29,284	15,192	13,152	(*a*) 3,290	168,942
1944	72,471	35,544	28,968	15,545	13,589	(*a*) 3,499	169,616
1945 .. .	74,213	35,273	26,447	15,560	13,954	(*a*) 3,657	169,104

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1944-45.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(*a*)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	19,663	8,432	6,617	5,341	4,644	1,333	46,030
Railways	24,544	12,427	11,227	4,881	3,653	5	56,737
Tramways (*e*) ..	5,518	..	..	..	392	..	5,910
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,019	1,579	1	961	1,088	(*j*) 259	4,907
Education	6,645	3,976	2,134	1,331	1,018	589	15,693
Hospitals	3,228	1,813	784	706	431	255	7,217
Other Charities ..	1,557	760	753	192	238	125	3,625
All other Expenditure	11,071	5,937	(*k*) 4,362	2,701	2,485	1,110	27,666
Total Expenditure	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	3,676	167,785
Total Expenditure per head (*i*) ..	£ s. d. 25 7 10	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 24 3 1	£ s. d. 25 15 4	£ s. d. 28 11 6	£ s. d. 14 18 2	£ s. d. 22 18 4

Year ended 30th June—	STATE EXPENDITURES 1938–39 AND 1941–42 TO 1944–45.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	54,169	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,770
1942	64,980	32,320	23,599	13,712	11,939	(*a*) 3,357	149,907
1943	70,392	35,736	29,182	14,960	13,127	(*a*) 3,400	166,797
1944	71,288	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	(*a*) 3,469	167,615
1945	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	(*a*) 3,676	167,785

(*a*) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (*b*) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1944–45, see p. 51. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (*c*) Gross collections. (*d*) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (*e*) Includes Omnibuses. (*f*) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (*g*) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (*h*) Excludes Special Grant under section 6 of the *State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act* 1942. (*i*) Based on mean population for the financial year. (*j*) Losses of Transport Commission. (*k*) Includes £200,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction Fund. An additional £350,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1944-45.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways	1,186	56	472	409	69	143	2,335
Tramways (c)	Cr. 308	..	..	Cr. 50	1	..	Cr. 357
Roads and Bridges	Cr. 43	Cr. 21	85	Cr. 17	..	29	269
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	115	Cr. 4	63	31	31		
Water Supply and Sewerage	54	290	38	389	59	..	830
Electricity Supply	115	..	..	..	5	240	360
Public Buildings	283	816	329	138	120	97	1,783
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 376	Cr. 176	..	..	..	..	Cr. 552
Other Public Works, &c. (d)	583	743	Cr. 286	486	116	100	1,742
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (e)	Cr. 25	Cr. 2	Cr. 77	Cr. 125	Cr. 95	Cr. 154	Cr. 478
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	130	..	Cr. 13	Cr. 5	16	..	128
Other	9	291	Cr. 80	63	174	Cr. 7	450
Other purposes	..	90	Cr. 100	Cr. 336	51	..	Cr. 295
Total Works, &c.	1,723	2,083	431	983	547	448	6,215
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head (f)	0 11 11	1 0 9	0 8 1	1 11 5	1 2 5	1 16 4	0 17 0
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	5,960	4,255	..	..	73	455	10,743
Other (g)	1,533	..	Cr. 4	5	Cr. 3	..	1,531
Grand Total	9,216	6,338	427	988	617	903	18,489

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1945.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(h)	O'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£,000.
Railways, Tramways (c)	167,917	79,759	67,285	40,186	27,158	7,917	390,222
Roads and Bridges	20,813	12,655	5,545	3,825	3,183	7,326	96,924
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	22,480	1,408	3,566	8,578	7,545		
Water Supply and Sewerage	41,039	32,332	980	23,122	14,964	..	112,437
Electricity Supply	2,680	17,839	..	..	1,930	8,070	30,519
Public Buildings	18,459	9,166	7,900	4,094	2,988	3,107	45,714
Unemployment Relief	16,634	13,147	..	..	(i)	333	30,114
Other Public Works, &c. (d)	12,149	4,289	26,336	8,210	3,188	3,838	58,010
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (e)	12,277	44,779	5,514	11,248	17,529	2,622	93,969
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	19,540	..	1,954	9,207	3,902	..	34,603
Other	7,836	6,162	7,967	2,229	14,480	19	38,693
Other purposes	89	451	124	3,707	3,663	..	8,034
Total Works	341,913	221,987	127,171	114,406	100,530	33,232	939,239
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	38,990	9,119	5,826	8,669	12,115	1,581	76,300
Other (f)	19,695	5,894	11,337	1,277	4,166	1,597	43,966
Grand Total	400,598	237,000	144,334	124,352	116,811	36,410	1,059,505

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (c) Includes Omnibuses. (d) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, &c. (e) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (f) Based on mean population for the financial year. (g) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (h) Aggregate *Gross* Loan Expenditure. (i) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales	197,567	145,922	11,562	355,051	6,148	5,561	559	12,268
Victoria	113,570	61,336	4,499	179,405	3,841	2,295	221	6,357
Queensland	67,343	58,819	5,271	131,433	2,271	2,374	279	4,924
South Australia	64,320	42,817	1,734	108,871	2,170	1,678	87	3,935
Western Australia	50,138	43,742	2,015	95,895	1,664	1,689	100	3,453
Tasmania	21,339	8,756	228	30,323	648	331	12	991
Total	514,277	361,392	25,309	900,978	16,742	13,928	1,258	31,928

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of $4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Six Months ended December—					
	1944–45.			1945–46.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (−).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (−).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(*a*) ..	33,667	36,486	− 2,819	31,175	34,067	− 2,892
Victoria	14,175	16,486	− 2,311	13,701	16,401	− 2,700
Queensland	12,240	12,743	− 503	11,237	12,435	− 1,198
South Australia ..	7,012	7,701	− 689	6,670	7,897	− 1,227
Western Australia ..	6,689	6,832	− 143	6,113	6,990	− 877
Tasmania	1,557	1,938	− 381	1,615	1,810	− 195
Total, Six States ..	75,340	82,186	− 6,846	70,511	79,600	− 9,089
Commonwealth ..	155,432	155,432	..	167,910	167,910	..
Grand Total(*b*) ..	217,577	224,423	− 6,846	223,505	232,594	− 9,089

(*a*) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (*b*) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(*a*)		Revenue from Taxation.(*b*)		Expenditure— Administration, Works and Social Services.		Expenditure— Debt Services.	
	Six Months ended December—							
	1944–45.	1945–46.	1944–45.	1945–46.	1944–45.	1945–46.	1944–45.	1945–46.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	4,805	4,632	3,013	3,245	13,722	10,691	7,742	7,941
Victoria	2,697	2,719	1,958	1,963	6,046	6,036	4,207	4,278
Queensland	1,990	1,995	1,129	1,286	3,739	4,041	3,479	3,061
South Australia ..	1,346	1,448	878	892	2,110	2,288	2,635	2,629
Western Australia ..	1,567	1,598	486	443	2,063	2,006	2,300	2,316
Tasmania	731	656	436	550	973	984	706	713
Total, Six States ..	13,136	13,048	7,900	8,379	28,653	26,046	21,069	20,938
Commonwealth ..	..	..	136,343	149,302	*c* 103,058	*c* 104,990	25,670	34,760
Grand Total ..	13,136	13,048	144,243	157,681	131,711	131,036	46,739	55,698

(*a*) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (*b*) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (*c*) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), 1944–45, £72,550,000; 1945–46, £71,838,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(*a*)

State, &c.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1944–45.		1945–46.		1944–45.		1945–46.	
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	15,821	3,894	15,670	4,035	11,927	3,095	12,103	3,332
Victoria(*b*)	7,237	183	7,024	132	6,033	200	5,917	170
Queensland(*c*) ..	7,389	..	6,231	..	5,525	..	5,333	..
South Australia ..	2,792	1,170	2,464	1,094	2,495	461	2,476	504
Western Australia ..	2,267	1,295	1,989	1,261	1,792	677	1,918	750
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	(*d*) 259	..	(*d*) 113	..
Total, Six States ..	35,506	6,542	33,378	6,522	28,031	4,433	27,860	4,756
Commonwealth ..	1,349	(*e*)13,749	726	(*e*)13,966	1,168	(*e*) 9,462	852	(*e*) 9,856
Grand Total ..	36,855	20,291	34,104	20,488	29,199	13,895	28,712	14,612

(*a*) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (*b*) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (*c*) Railways only. (*d*) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (*e*) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1944-45.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	..	526	2	2,780	1,337	2,371	687	750	8,453
Victoria	..	94	358	1,854	887	1,655	646	489	5,983
Queensland ..	..	87	383	701	587	834	162	440	3,194
South Australia ..	..	49	290	521	236	602	254	69	2,021
Western Australia ..	..	58	118	276	229	359	145	128	1,313
Tasmania	..	7	92	136	73	226	60	553	1,147
Total States ..	..	821	1,243	6,268	3,349	6,047	1,954	2,429	22,111
Commonwealth ..	67,177	215,534	3,664	3,090	..	..	5,027	43,428	337,920
Grand Total ..	67,177	216,355	4,907	9,358	3,349	6,047	6,981	45,857	360,031

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	..	0 3 8	..	0 19 4	0 0 3	0 16 5	0 4 9	0 5 2	2 18 7
Victoria	..	0 0 11	0 3 7	0 18 6	0 8 10	0 16 6	0 6 5	0 4 11	2 19 8
Queensland ..	..	0 1 8	0 7 2	0 13 1	0 10 11	0 15 7	0 3 0	0 8 3	2 19 8
South Australia ..	..	0 1 7	0 9 3	0 16 8	0 7 7	0 19 3	0 8 1	0 2 3	3 4 8
Western Australia ..	..	0 2 5	0 4 10	0 11 3	0 9 4	0 14 8	0 5 11	0 5 4	2 13 9
Tasmania	..	0 0 7	0 7 5	0 11 1	0 5 11	0 18 4	0 4 11	2 4 10	4 13 1
Total States ..	..	0 2 3	0 3 5	0 17 1	0 9 2	0 16 5	0 5 5	0 6 8	3 0 5
Commonwealth ..	9 3 0	29 7 2	0 10 0	0 8 5	..	..	0 13 8	5 18 4	46 0 7
Grand Total ..	9 3 0	29 9 5	0 13 4	1 5 6	0 9 1	0 16 5	0 19 1	6 5 0	49 0 10

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. *See* page 45 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1940–41 ..	53,780	43,305	19,793	8,506	125,384	56,304	181,688
1941–42 ..	56,781	77,564	26,830	18,260	179,435	57,260	236,695
1942–43 ..	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,393	257,144	(a) 26,329	283,473
1943–44 ..	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,667	303,667	(a) 21,314	324,981
1944–45 ..	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,537	337,920	(a) 22,111	360,031

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1940–41 ..	7 12 2	6 2 6	2 16 0	1 4 1	17 14 9	7 19 9	25 14 1
1941–42 ..	7 19 1	10 17 4	3 15 2	2 11 3	25 2 10	8 0 11	33 3 3
1942–43 ..	9 0 3	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 2 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 4	39 7 6
1943–44 ..	9 5 3	25 5 11	3 16 10	3 7 10	41 15 10	(a) 2 18 10	44 14 6
1944–45 ..	9 3 0	29 7 2	4 0 10	3 9 7	46 0 7	(a) 3 0 5	49 0 10

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1944-45.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Income Tax ..	14,830	6,423	5,734	2,312	2,488	879	32,666
Entertainments Tax	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Total ..	14,991	6,796	5,734	2,409	2,586	916	33,432
State Collections ..	8,453	5,983	3,194	2,021	1,313	1,147	22,111
Grand Total ..	23,444	12,779	8,928	4,430	3,899	2,063	55,543
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of population	8 2 6	6 7 5	8 6 8	7 1 8	7 19 9	8 7 5	7 11 9

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common-wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1944	1,073	129	202	*Cr.* 196	140	189	1,537	143,667	145,204
1945	2,053	354	140	(*b*)1,529	389	179	4,644	135,810	140,454

(*a*) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services. (*b*) Includes £1,265,000 Exchange on Debt repatriated to Australia.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
TOTAL DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914–19)	Australia £A	171,240	167,220	166,531	164,628	159,317
	London £Stg.	90,744	90,745	90,745	90,745	90,745
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	109,649	321,345	712,579	1,098,261	1,357,272
	London £Stg.	17,875	17,875	18,129	6,122	6,122
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	39,459	39,956	38,241	36,190	35,607
	London £Stg.	65,384	65,134	64,884	64,362	64,112
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total ..	Australia £A.	320,348	528,521	917,351	1,299,079	1,552,196
	London £Stg.	174,003	173,754	173,758	161,229	160,979
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total ..	..	510,228	718,151	1,106,899	1,476,098	1,728,965
State	Australia £A.	504,494	504,439	494,115	491,840	514,278
	London £Stg.	384,042	380,422	379,113	373,505	361,391
	New York £Stg.	27,486	25,817	25,610	25,415	25,309
Total ..	..	916,022	910,678	898,838	890,760	900,978
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	824,842	1,032,960	1,411,466	1,790,919	2,066,474
	London £Stg.	558,045	554,176	552,871	534,734	522,370
	New York £Stg.	43,363	41,693	41,400	41,205	41,099
Total ..	..	1,426,250	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,366,858	2,629,943
DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
War (1914–19)	Australia £A.	24 2 3	23 6 2	23 0 8	22 10 8	21 11 6
	London £Stg.	12 15 6	12 13 0	12 11 0	12 8 5	12 5 9
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	15 8 9	44 15 10	98 11 2	150 6 2	183 15 10
	London £Stg.	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2	0 16 9	0 16 7
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 5 10	4 19 1	4 16 6
	London £Stg.	9 4 1	9 1 7	8 19 6	8 16 2	8 13 7
	New York £Stg.	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3	2 2 9
Total ..	Australia £A.	45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8	177 15 11	210 3 10
	London £Stg.	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8	22 1 4	21 15 11
	New York £Stg.	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3	2 2 9
Total ..	..	71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0	202 0 6	234 2 6
State	Australia £A.	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10	67 9 11	69 16 7
	London £Stg.	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10	51 5 2	49 1 5
	New York £Stg.	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1	3 9 9	3 8 9
Total ..	..	129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9	122 4 10	122 6 9
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	116 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7	245 2 2	279 16 7
	London £Stg.	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5	73 3 8	70 14 9
	New York £Stg.	6 2 1	5 16 3	5 14 6	5 12 10	5 11 3
Total ..	..	200 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6	323 18 8	356 2 7

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT—*continued.*

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June— 1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	11,249	16,135	25,145	33,945	40,047
	London £Stg.(*a*)	3,736	3,656	3,290	3,277	3,272
	New York £Stg.	776	776	772	771	771
Total(*b*) ..	..	15,761	20,567	29,207	37,993	44,090
State	Australia £A.	17,866	17 284	16,863	16,623	16,742
	London £Stg.	14,955	14,500	14,501	14,311	13,927
	New York £Stg.	1,395	1,283	1,272	1,263	1,258
Total(*b*) ..	..	34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197	31,927
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	29,115	33,419	42,008	50,568	56,789
	London £Stg.(*a*)	18,691	18,156	17,791	17,588	17,199
	New York £Stg.	2,171	2,059	2,044	2,034	2,029
Total(*b*) ..	..	49,977	53,634	61,843	70,190	76,017
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commonwealth and State	Australia ..	3 11 1	3 5 1	2 19 9	2 16 8	2 15 1
	London(*a*) ..	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 17 3	3 17 4	3 17 9
	New York ..	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
Total(*c*) ..	..	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7	2 19 9

(*a*) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,000). (*b*) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange. (*c*) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange.

SHORT-TERM DEBT.(*a*)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June— 1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	31st Dec., 1945.
		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	..	..	..	1,750	80,481	259,250	343,280	343,280	385,280
	London £Stg.	5,495	4,220	3,970	3,720	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,720	2,470
State	Australia £A.	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	330	..
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	385,280
	London £Stg.	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,338

(*a*) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Includes Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits. Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(*a*)	Total.(*b*)	Advances.(*c*)	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits (*d*)	Percentage Advances To Total Deposits. (*d*)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
June, 1941 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	68.9
,, 1942 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
,, 1943 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,680	352,250	50.9	45.1
,, 1944 ..	385,681	308,812	694,493	270,864	399,090	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944 ..	384,740	328,850	713,590	267,064	396,685	53.8	35.7
Dec., 1944 ..	399,264	324,108	723,372	253,361	410,149	55.1	33.3
Mar., 1945 ..	424,096	340,223	764,319	246,676	450,670	55.4	30.7
June, 1945 ..	431,868	330,573	762,441	251,705	443,490	56.6	31.4

(*a*) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (*b*) Customers' Deposits; excludes amounts deposited by trading banks with Commonwealth Bank. (*c*) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills, of the Commonwealth Bank. (*d*) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded

NOTE.—Owing to reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank in August, 1945, it is not possible to continue this series after June, 1945. Monthly averages of liabilities and assets compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945 and *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1945 are shown in the ensuing tables.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Month.	Interminable Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.								
1945—September ..	..	31,819	20,755	52,574	..	305	2,776	55,655
October ..	..	32,268	21,421	53,689	..	311	2,805	56,805
November ..	..	32,849	21,625	54,474	..	351	2,987	57,812
December ..	..	34,605	22,188	56,793	..	382	3,168	60,343
NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)								
1945—September ..	1,689	354,761	224,898	579,659	167	1,020	5,800	588,335
October ..	1,677	362,466	222,733	585,199	166	1,768	6,171	594,981
November ..	1,668	368,872	222,500	591,372	166	1,164	5,991	600,361
December ..	1,649	383,575	222,732	606,307	166	1,105	7,046	616,273
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)								
1945—September ..	12,773	7,109	4,609	11,718	..	76	532	25,099
October ..	12,698	7,071	4,732	11,803	..	61	568	25,130
November ..	12,697	7,144	4,850	11,994	..	67	638	25,396
December ..	12,550	7,443	4,945	12,388	..	70	426	25,434
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)								
1945—September ..	14,462	393,689	250,262	643,951	167	1,401	9,108	669,089
October ..	14,375	401,805	248,886	650,691	166	2,140	9,544	676,916
November ..	14,365	408,865	248,975	657,840	166	1,582	9,616	683,569
December ..	14,199	425,623	249,865	675,488	166	1,557	10,640	702,050

(ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Month.	Coin, Bullion, Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other assets.	Total assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.									
1945—September ..	7,553	..	149	5,000	31,724	..	14,511	1,600	60,537
October ..	9,086	..	190	5,000	31,699	..	14,569	1,433	61,977
November ..	8,212	..	143	5,000	33,862	..	14,479	1,562	63,258
December ..	10,203	..	166	5,000	34,509	..	14,478	1,409	65,765
NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)									
1945—September ..	38,502	219,612	8,200	61,180	109,293	164	207,792	12,513	657,256
October ..	40,116	224,604	9,046	60,320	110,439	164	209,115	12,476	666,280
November ..	38,423	227,305	7,986	61,467	112,993	164	210,059	12,396	670,793
December ..	42,221	230,023	9,649	66,930	115,703	164	208,852	12,219	685,761
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)									
1945—September ..	1,683	1,630	2,738	705	7,182	215	16,694	1,257	32,104
October ..	1,836	1,666	2,721	712	7,374	215	16,667	1,237	32,428
November ..	1,875	1,741	2,546	613	7,411	215	16,805	1,251	32,457
December ..	1,776	1,850	2,718	540	7,424	215	16,832	1,247	32,602
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)									
1945—September ..	47,738	221,242	11,087	66,885	148,199	379	238,997	15,370	749,897
October ..	51,038	226,270	11,957	66,032	149,512	379	240,351	15,146	760,685
November ..	48,510	229,046	10,675	67,080	154,266	379	241,343	15,209	766,508
December ..	54,200	231,873	12,533	72,470	157,636	379	240,162	14,875	784,128

(a) Average of weekly figures for month. (b) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. (c) Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.
(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)
(i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Inscribed Deposit Stock.	Total Liabilities
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1941 ..	167	3,580	932	157,746	207,342	365,088	2,614	372,381
,, 1942 ..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	192,883	386,502	2,610	394,252
,, 1943 ..	167	4,452	955	258,441	196,925	455,366	2,594	463,534
,, 1944 ..	167	4,767	1,026	319,928	218,341	538,269	2,344	546,573
Mar., 1945 ..	167	4,657	1,073	361,465	226,908	588,373	1,734	596,004
June, 1945 ..	166	5,097	1,083	364,288	224,938	589,226	1,718	597,290
Sept., 1945 ..	166	5,010	1,010	351,321	224,127	575,448	1,698	583,332
Dec., 1945 ..	166	(b) 6,432	1,359	371,835	222,666	594,501	1,664	604,122

(ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.(d)	Loans Advances and Bills Discounted. (e)	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1941..	2,139	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	5,274	283,054	(f)	437,343
,, 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	6,797	269,944	(f)	457,953
,, 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	6,783	244,776	(f)	528,018
,, 1944..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	7,787	224,858	(f)	608,186
Mar., 1945..	2,080	38,773	181,879	218,746	9,764	7,290	200,161	(f)	658,693
June, 1945..	2,043	33,776	164,070	239,618	9,762	7,759	205,758	(f)	662,786
Sept., 1945..	2,145	34,091	159,664	226,369	9,740	7,998	211,061	(f)	651,068
Dec., 1945..	2,262	38,122	176,057	227,311	9,814	8,059	209,291	2,711	674,527

(a) Average of weekly figures for quarter. (b) Includes Other Liabilities. (c) Includes Treasury Bills. (d) Includes Notes, Cheques and Bills of other banks. (e) Includes All Other Assets prior to December Quarter, 1945. (f) Included with Loans, &c., prior to December Quarter, 1945.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank. (d)
	Business within Australia.								
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special Account of Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans. (a)	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	29,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
,, 1942..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917
,, 1943..	50,953	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
,, 1944..	60,618	82,460	143,078	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109
Sept., 1944..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,832	32,111	238,774	172,271	191,661
Dec., 1944..	56,629	94,309	150,938	33,231	191,928	23,787	234,258	177,029	195,095
Mar., 1945..	55,156	106,800	161,956	35,245	220,087	28,851	260,760	185,123	190,456
June, 1945..	59,956	99,294	159,250	30,527	241,193	27,818	271,417	185,025	182,658

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See following page for details of Note Issue.

NOTE.—Owing to the reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank in August, 1945, it is not possible to continue as from June, 1945, all the series in the table above. Monthly figures as from September, 1945, for the General Banking Division and the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) are shown on pages 60 and 62 respectively.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS. (Including Note Issue Department).(a)

Month.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills.)
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1945—	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£'A000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
September	15,937	169,652	185,589	221,242	26,522	144,870	158,565	416,779
October	16,226	171,688	187,914	226,270	27,591	144,382	163,845	418,773
November	16,675	173,414	190,089	229,046	25,821	140,672	173,603	408,060
December	18,203	178,261	196,464	231,873	28,771	142,432	173,880	421,730

(a) Average of weekly figures for month.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1941 (b)	14,318,069	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1944 (b)	15,925,325	171,910,855	187,836,180	48,200	25.7
1945 (b)	17,090,939	172,033,643	189,124,582	(d)	(d)
1945 (c) July	15,913,002	167,050,870	182,963,872	50,858	27.8
August	16,678,422	168,785,450	185,463,872	(d)	(d)
September	15,746,996	170,216,876	185,963,872	(d)	(d)
October	16,763,724	171,950,148	188,713,872	(d)	(d)
November	17,156,292	173,307,580	190,463,872	(d)	(d)
December	20,215,148	179,748,724	199,963,872	(d)	(d)

(a) Includes English sterling, valued in Australian currency. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month. (d) The *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1945 repealed the provisions requiring the Commonwealth Bank to hold a reserve in Gold and English Sterling.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	29th Dec., 1941.	28th Dec., 1942.	27th Dec., 1943.	25th Dec., 1944.	31st Dec., 1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	5,524,992	6,463,315	7,510,896	8,405,844	8,546,810
£1	36,163,961	46,959,533	56,297,137	64,585,186	77,475,767
£5	25,683,405	43,693,760	60,090,705	74,664,385	80,901,925
£10	11,058,740	18,213,350	31,487,090	44,426,120	32,356,150
£20	68,540	59,560	52,440	47,840	10,120
£50	2,400,700	3,054,050	3,406,800	4,483,350	141,500
£100	3,499,700	4,349,800	4,560,000	5,731,900	214,600
£1,000	464,000	563,000	357,000	149,000	317,000
Held by banks	17,696,631	13,737,737	13,760,775	15,305,087	20,215,148
,, public	67,167,407	109,618,631	150,001,293	187,188,538	179,748,724
Total	84,864,038	123,356,368	163,762,068	202,493,625	199,963,872

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a).

All Cheque-paying Banks.

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1945—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
September	48,618	41,806	15,096	8,502	5,091	2,589	78	121,780
October	50,233	42,069	15,130	7,777	5,376	2,872	92	123,549
November	50,866	43,631	15,325	7,972	5,588	2,756	82	126,220
December	51,831	45,197	15,071	7,982	5,667	2,716	114	128,578

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Average of 4 or 5 weeks ended on last Monday in month.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1942	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
,, 1943	32,351	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	879
,, 1944	32,942	28,746	27,757	27,730	7,074	5,101	2,774	1,000
,, 1945	28,992	28,992	28,455	28,437	7,020	5,142	2,907	1,101
1945—								
25th Sept. to 29th Oct...	30,879	30,879	28,959	28,958	7,492	5,175	3,051	1,187
30th Oct. to 26th Nov...	29,643	29,643	29,598	29,552	7,548	5,363	3,195	1,211
27th Nov. to 31st Dec...	28,776	28,776	30,478	30,457	7,266	5,385	3,234	1,110

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales since October, 1930.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1944—									
Oct. ..	173,981	163,162	70,427	51,562	27,977	15,199	(b)	741	503,049
Nov. ..	176,748	165,304	71,684	52,121	28,492	15,357	(b)	757	510,463
Dec. ..	179,128	167,044	72,633	52,817	28,775	15,537	(b)	751	516,685
1945—									
Oct. ..	209,905	192,793	84,254	59,837	33,952	18,027	(b)	883	599,651
Nov. ..	214,806	195,938	85,731	60,974	34,845	18,476	(b)	919	611,689
Dec. ..	219,560	198,614	87,168	61,973	35,449	18,862	(b)	957	622,583

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £54,301,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and December, 1945.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,867	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,506	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,351
1944—									
Oct. ..	173,981	33,995	70,427	9,265	27,977	5,207	(a)	741	321,593
Nov. ..	176,748	34,479	71,684	9,432	28,492	5,269	(a)	757	326,861
Dec. ..	179,128	35,054	72,633	9,579	28,775	5,351	(a)	751	331,271
1945—									
Oct. ..	209,905	42,467	84,254	11,354	33,952	6,498	(a)	883	389,313
Nov. ..	214,806	43,077	85,731	11,722	34,845	6,737	(a)	919	397,837
Dec. ..	219,560	43,983	87,168	12,025	35,449	6,962	(a)	957	406,104

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Government.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,141 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,128 (66)
Victoria	4,759 (25)	4,759 (25)	4,766 (25)	4,758 (25)	4,748 (13)
Queensland	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,566 (182)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania	645 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)
Total	27,251 (721)	27,234 (721)	27,241 (721)	27,223 (721)	27,213 (705)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(*a*)

Government.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704	17,823,993
New South Wales ..	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,661,127	151,849,840	152,144,668
Victoria	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,195	52,637,204	52,746,555
Queensland ..	38,891,138	39,299,815	39,349,083	39,479,733	39,907,071
South Australia ..	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278	31,290,224	30,673,614
Western Australia ..	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545	26,530,724
Tasmania	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,497,290	2,765,041
Total(*b*) ..	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512	325,038,638

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
Commonwealth	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127	6,128
Victoria	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758	4,748
Queensland	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,566
South Australia	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549	2,547
Western Australia	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania	644	642	642	642	642
Total	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225	27,213

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(*c*)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth	958	1,234	2,322	3,473	3,453
New South Wales	29,471	32,285	*d* 36,368	*e*39,000	*e*37,100
Victoria	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437	16,413
Queensland	14,190	14,603	16,396	*d*19,851	*d*19,794
South Australia	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792	6,777
Western Australia	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340	6,044
Tasmania	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217	2,185
Total	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110	91,766

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth	622	971	2,195	3,746	3,459
New South Wales	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872	35,301
Victoria	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030	15,882
Queensland	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027	16,430
South Australia	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811	5,979
Western Australia	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417	4,387
Tasmania	536	600	686	843	871
Total	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746	82,309

(*a*) Capital has been reduced during past years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000). (*b*) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton–South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (*c*) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (*d*) Partly estimated. (*e*) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—*continued.*

Government.	1939–40.	1940–41.	1941–42.	1942–43.	1943–44.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	842	903	1,506	2,171	2,521
New South Wales	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343	27,535
Victoria	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040	13,214
Queensland	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400	13,163
South Australia	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,661	5,213
Western Australia	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447	3,796
Tasmania	688	757	854	965	1,136
Total	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,027	66,578
NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	−220	68	689	1,575	938
New South Wales	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529	7,766
Victoria	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990	2,668
Queensland	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627	3,267
South Australia	231	450	1,088	1,150	766
Western Australia	728	814	970	970	591
Tasmania	−152	−157	−168	−122	−265
Total	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719	15,731
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(*a*)					
	%	%	%	%	%
Commonwealth	−1.28	0.39	3.95	8.90	5.27
New South Wales	4.09	4.58	4.50	4.95	5.10
Victoria	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68	5.06
Queensland	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78	8.19
South Australia	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67	2.50
Western Australia	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68	2.23
Tasmania	−7.02	−6.99	−7.16	−4.88	−9.60
Total (*b*)	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39	4.84

Minus sign (−) denotes loss.

(*a*) *See* note (*a*) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1943–44 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.40; Queensland, 4.81; South Australia, 2.27; Tasmania, −3.55; Total, 5.37. (*b*) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton–South Brisbane Line (*see* note (*b*) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (*a*)	S.A.(*b*)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
*c*Revenue—								
*c*Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	202	3,353	1,693	1,197	395	335	66	7,241
*c*Goods, including live stock and minerals £	365	4,280	1,742	2,440	961	736	128	10,652
*c*Miscellaneous £	165	(*d*) 433	300	(*e*)	109	37	13	(*n*)1,057
*c*Total Revenue £	732	(*f*)8,066	3,735	3,637	1,465	1,108	207	18,950
*c*Expenditure £	563	5,795	3,163	2,769	1,249	930	(*g*) 239	14,708
*c*Train-miles run ..	831	10,025	4,023	4,905	1,671	(*h*)1,583	(*i*) 566	23,604
Earnings per train-mile	17s. 7d.	16s. 1d.	18s. 7d.	14s. 10d.	17s. 7d.	14s. 0d.	7s. 7d.	16s. 1d.
Expenditure per train-mile	13s. 7d.	11s. 7d.	15s. 9d.	11s. 4d.	14s. 11d.	11s. 9d.	8s. 10d.	12s. 6d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	76.95	71.85	84.67	76.15	85.25	83.96	116.03	77.62
*c*Passenger-journeys, No.	123	61,740	48,707	9,964	5,037	4,551	714	130,836
*c*Coal and Coke carried, tons	17	(*j*)	(*j*)	267	70	24	71	(*l*)
*c*Other Minerals carried, tons	10	(*j*)	(*j*)	87	101	20	(*k*)	(*l*)
*c*Live Stock carried, tons	14	(*m*)200	(*n*) 129	161	59	13	6	582
*c*Other Goods carried ,,	109	4,524	1,730	1,236	761	227	161	8,748
*c*Total Freight carried ,,	150	4,724	1,859	1,751	991	284	238	9,997

(*a*) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (*b*) Includes Road Motors. (*c*) '000 omitted. (*d*) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (*e*) Included with Coaching. (*f*) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (*g*) Excludes depreciation. (*h*) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (*i*) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (*j*) Included with Other Goods. (*k*) Included with Coal and Coke. (*l*) Not available. (*m*) Estimated. (*n*) Incomplete.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—*continued.*

PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (*a*)	S.A.(*b*)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
*c*Revenue—								
*c*Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	194	3,580	1,776	1,023	403	299	68	7,343
*c*Goods, including live stock and minerals £	298	3,970	1,606	2,046	753	633	143	9,449
*c*Miscellaneous £	20	(*d*) 419	303	(*e*)	89	30	7	(*n*) 868
*c*Total Revenue £	512	(*f*) 7,969	3,685	3,069	1,245	962	218	17,660
*c*Expenditure £	447	5,980	2,981	2,641	1,233	963	(*g*) 264	14,509
*c*Train-miles run ..	552	9,835	4,120	4,184	1,682	(*h*)1,500	(*i*) 559	22,432
Earnings per train-mile	18s. 7d.	16s. 2d.	17s. 11d.	14s. 8d.	14s. 10d.	12s. 10d.	7s. 9d.	15s. 9d.
Expenditure per train-mile	16s. 2d.	12s. 2d.	14s. 6d.	12s. 8d.	14s. 8d.	12s. 10d.	9s. 5d.	12s. 11d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	87.27	75.04	80.90	86.05	99.02	100.15	121.27	82.16
*c*Passenger-journeys, No.	102	65,420	49,212	10,078	6,102	4,102	822	135,838
*c*Coal and Coke carried, tons	11	(*j*)	(*j*)	262	64	73	50	(*l*)
*c*Other Minerals carried, tons	1	(*j*)	(*j*)	95	127	61	(*k*)	(*l*)
*c*Live Stock carries, tons	14	(*m*) 292	(*m*) 115	198	43	29	6	697
*c*Other Goods carried ,,	48	4,199	1,659	1,039	513	454	176	8,088
*c*Total Freight carried ,,	74	4,491	1,774	1,594	747	617	232	9,529

(*a*) Excludes Grafton–South Brisbane Line. (*b*) Includes Road Motors. (*c*) '000 omitted. (*d*) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (*e*) Included with Coaching. (*f*) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (*g*) Excludes depreciation. (*h*) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (*i*) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (*j*) Included with Other Goods. (*k*) Included with Coal and Coke. (*l*) Not available. (*m*) Estimated. (*n*) Incomplete.

B.—Civil Aviation.(*a*)

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Quarter ended September, 1945.
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	
Registered Aircraft owners (*b*) .. .. .. No.	119	(*d*) 128	116	125	125
Registered Aircraft(*b*) .. ,,	192	(*d*) 184	185	206	206
Licensed Pilots—(*b*)					
Private .. .. ,,	239	171	159	215	215
Commercial .. .. ,,	181	233	305	428	428
Licensed Ground Engineers(*b*) .. .. ,,	717	924	1,039	1,122	1,122
Aerodromes—(*b*)					
Government .. .. ,,	72	69	69	77	77
Public .. .. ,,	207	207	206	230	230
Government Emergency Grounds .. ,,	116	96	78	83	83
Hours flown .. .. ,,	69,302	58,185	84,274	111,122	35,500
Approximate mileage Miles '000	8,925	7,517	10,082	14,992	5,031
Passengers carried .. No.	155,213	133,525	235,775	342,070	117,360
Goods, weight carried lb. '000	2,588	2,066	3,132	4,756	1,829
Mails, weight carried—					
Internal .. lb. '000	448	1,469	2,438	2,806	(*c*) 697
Oversea(*c*) .. ,,	431	191	377	403	256
Total .. ,,	879	1,660	2,815	3,209	953
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	18	4	1	26	..
,, injured .. ,,	3	3	1	10	..

(*a*) Includes particulars of the Indian Ocean service but excludes particulars of trans-Tasman service. (*b*) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (*c*) Gross weight. (*d*) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE.—Figures for flying operations during 1942–43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1945.
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Lines connected	531,075	540,261	557,072	577,777	591,789
Instruments connected ..	738,666	766,846	799,729	827,862	842,621

D.—Motor Vehicles.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES).

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers. and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1944–45.									
						£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	186,802	83,980	16,068	286,850	445,625	2,103,132	225,828	68,996	2,397,956
Victoria	141,249	94,110	19,820	255,179	353,584	1,514,679	88,402	86,187	1,689,268
Queensland ..	69,000	53,798	6,394	129,192	157,712	708,273	62,656	72,727	843,656
South Australia ..	59,196	25,121	7,484	91,801	117,310	525,697	67,487	13,703	606,887
Western Australia ..	30,723	24,147	4,507	59,377	73,090	301,816	23,435	35,612	360,863
Tasmania ..	17,064	6,959	2,815	26,838	29,128	188,814	14,564	23,077	226,455
Northern Territory	193	2,273	54	2,520	1,097	2,076	550	..	2,626
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,555	573	97	2,225	3,043	10,137	1,454	133	11,724
Total ..	505,782	290,961	57,239	853,982	1,180,589	5,354,624	484,376	300,435	6,139,435
Total, 1943–44 ..	493,391	274,269	52,560	820,220	1,232,442	5,232,772	451,156	273,700	5,957,628

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars	189,774	141,856	70,000	61,372	30,446	17,172	193	1,580	512,393
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	89,719	96,088	57,605	26,959	25,843	7,331	2,273	627	306,445
Motor Cycles	17,900	21,480	7,452	8,793	5,120	3,044	54	102	63,945
Total	297,393	259,424	135,057	97,124	(*a*)61,409	27,547	(*b*)2,520	2,309	882,783
Total at 31st Dec., 1944	282,826	249,302	127,385	91,316	57,323	26,157	1,779	1,966	838,054

(*a*) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 30th November, 1945. (*b*) At 30th June, 1945.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1945.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (*a*)
Motor Cars	124	403	16	22	19	20	1	605
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	1,163	957	480	303	161	166	2	3,232
Motor Cycles	73	62	7	37	46	..	..	225
Total	1,360	1,422	503	362	226	186	3	4,062
Total, six months ended Dec., 1944 ..	1,677	1,590	859	393	371	203	..	5,093

(*a*) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above, taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES. (*a*)

In force at—	N.S.W. (*b*)	Victoria.	Q'land. (*c*)	S. Aust. (*d*)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
,, ,, 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
,, ,, 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
,, ,, 1942 ..	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
,, ,, 1943 ..	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,785	49,910	1,419,793
,, ,, 1944 ..	560,032	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,246	50,356	1,454,302
,, ,, 1945 ..	572,697	412,317	184,341	157,825	102,065	50,557	1,479,802
31st Dec., 1945 .	571,790	413,492	185,948	159,881	102,622	50,720	1,484,453

(*a*) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person. (*b*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*c*) Includes Papua. (*d*) Includes Northern Territory.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(*a*)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(*a*)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(*a*)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(*a*)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(*a*)370
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(*b*)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(*b*)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(*b*)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(*b*)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(*b*)2,144
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778

(*a*) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (*b*) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(*a*)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	Unemployed.	
			Number.	Percentage. (*b*)
1941 Year	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942 ,, ...	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
1943 ,, ...	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1944 ,, ...	389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1945 ,, ...	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1932—June Quarter(*c*)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1942—March ,, ...	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June ,, ...	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September ,, ...	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December ,, ...	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March ,, ...	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June ,, ...	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September ,, ...	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December ,, ...	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March ,, ...	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June ,, ...	389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September ,, ...	389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December ,, ...	389	674,695	7,925	1.2
1945—March ,, ...	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June ,, ...	388	679,227	7,795	1.1
September ,, ...	387	668,674	7,769	1.2
December ,, ...	387	663,467	8,276	1.2

(*a*) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter : they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (*b*) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 91. (*c*) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1941 Year	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942 ,, ...	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943 ,, ...	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1944 ,, ...	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1945 ,, ...	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1932—June Quarter (b) ..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1941—March ,, ..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June ,, ..	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September ,, ..	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December ,, ..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March ,, ..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June ,, ..	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September ,, ..	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December ,, ..	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March ,, ..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June ,, ..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September ,, ..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December ,, ..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March ,, ..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June ,, ..	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September ,, ..	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December ,, ..	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March ,, ..	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June ,, ..	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September ,, ..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December ,, ..	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2

(a) See notes to table on page 68. (b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1944.		1945.			
	June Qtr.(b)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
II. Engineering, Metal, Works &c.	33.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c...	19.3	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.1
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c...	22.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.6
VII. Building	42.1	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.1
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.1
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	29.6	1.8	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.6	1.4
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
All Groups	30.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2

(a) See notes to table on page 68. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see page 74.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment. (*a*) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (*b*)	Private Employers. (*c*)	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (*d*)	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (*e*)
				MALES (Thousands).						
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	..	164.5	212.3		112.6
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	54.0	391.5	..	208.0	115.0	128.0	140.0
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	..	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1
Nov.	381.5	999.8	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	..	207.3	101.9	117.9	127.2
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.0	509.0	48.6	205.6	81.2	98.5	111.6
1943—June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	46.7	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5
Aug.	412.5	857.1	1,269.6	44.7	519.2	43.2	205.8	70.3	88.1	106.6
1944—June	404.0	867.5	1,271.5	44.2	518.2	27.0	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6
Sept.	400.3	869.2	1,269.5	44.5	515.2	21.8	215.8	71.7	92.3	113.6
1945—Mar.	399.7	881.4	1,281.1	43.9	511.5	21.2	219.1	75.1	94.8	117.5
April	400.8	879.6	1,280.4	44.5	510.2	21.4	220.3	75.3	94.1	116.8
May	399.7	882.9	1,282.6	44.2	510.4	21.4	220.6	75.9	94.2	117.5
June	399.7	885.3	1,285.0	44.3	511.8	20.8	220.2	76.0	95.0	118.0
July	398.9	886.0	1,284.9	44.4	510.9	17.5	221.5	76.2	95.2	118.6
Aug.	398.1	889.4	1,287.5	44.6	511.6	15.1	222.1	76.8	95.8	119.8
Sept.	394.7	883.8	1,278.5	44.6	499.7	12.7	221.4	78.2	97.5	120.9
Oct.	392.7	884.0	1,276.7	43.6	492.2	9.5	223.0	79.9	99.8	122.3
Nov.	389.7	899.3	1,289.0	43.9	491.7	7.4	225.5	83.9	104.2	124.3
				FEMALES (Thousands).						
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	..	11.0	87.3		130.7
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.4	148.2	..	14.4	81.0	34.0	129.0
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	..	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	..	22.0	106.4	47.4	150.4
1942—June	100.8	494.0	594.8	0.6	206.0	..	25.6	104.1	51.6	152.3
1943—June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	..	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2
Aug.	134.4	500.5	634.9	0.6	228.1	..	35.9	97.0	52.9	159.6
1944—June	129.9	503.9	633.8	0.6	217.4	..	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.5
Sept.	127.6	508.7	636.3	0.7	215.5	..	37.4	95.7	53.0	170.7
1945—Mar.	122.9	516.2	639.1	0.6	211.8	..	38.1	98.8	53.3	174.4
April	122.2	512.2	634.4	0.6	208.3	..	38.0	98.6	53.0	174.5
May	121.6	511.9	633.5	0.6	207.2	..	38.1	99.1	53.0	174.6
June	121.2	513.1	634.3	0.6	206.8	..	38.6	99.6	53.2	175.0
July	121.0	511.4	632.4	0.6	206.1	..	38.6	99.4	53.4	174.6
Aug.	118.9	513.5	632.4	0.6	205.1	..	38.5	99.9	53.6	176.0
Sept.	113.4	511.0	624.4	0.6	197.4	..	38.1	100.6	53.8	176.9
Oct.	107.4	509.2	616.6	0.6	191.1	..	37.8	101.5	53.7	177.5
Nov.	103.3	513.9	617.2	0.7	191.1	..	37.6	105.0	53.3	178.0
				PERSONS (Thousands).						
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	..	175.5	299.6		243.3
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	54.4	539.7	..	222.4	196.0	162.0	269.0
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	..	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2
Nov.	457.8	1,494.5	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	..	229.3	208.3	165.3	277.6
1942—June	521.7	1,382.6	1,904.3	48.6	715.0	48.6	231.2	185.3	150.1	263.9
1943—June	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	46.7	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7
Aug.	546.9	1,357.6	1,904.5	45.3	747.3	43.2	241.7	167.3	141.0	266.2
1944—June	533.9	1,371.4	1,905.3	44.8	735.6	27.0	249.8	166.9	143.6	278.1
Sept.	527.9	1,377.9	1,905.8	45.2	730.7	21.8	253.2	167.4	145.3	284.3
1945—Mar.	522.6	1,397.6	1,920.2	44.5	723.3	21.2	257.2	173.9	148.1	291.9
April	523.0	1,391.8	1,914.8	45.1	718.5	21.4	258.3	173.9	147.1	291.3
May	521.3	1,394.8	1,916.1	44.8	717.6	21.4	258.7	175.0	147.2	292.1
June	520.9	1,398.4	1,919.3	44.9	718.6	20.8	258.8	175.6	148.2	293.0
July	519.9	1,397.4	1,917.3	45.0	717.0	17.5	260.1	175.6	148.6	293.2
Aug.	517.0	1,402.9	1,919.9	45.2	716.7	15.1	260.6	176.7	149.4	295.8
Sept.	508.1	1,394.8	1,902.9	45.2	697.1	12.7	259.5	178.8	151.3	297.8
Oct.	500.1	1,393.2	1,893.3	44.2	683.3	9.5	260.8	181.4	153.5	299.8
Nov.	493.0	1,413.2	1,906.2	44.6	682.8	7.4	263.1	188.9	157.5	302.3

(*a*) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (*b*) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (*c*) The estimated number of males in private employment in 1944 and 1945 may exclude some employees engaged on smaller buildings (houses, &c.) and in alterations and repairs to buildings. (*d*) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision. (*e*) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors). (b)	Total Factories.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928–29 ..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	822	889
1936–37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	950	959
1937–38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938–39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	1,031	1,022
1939–40 ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	1,073	1,053
1940–41 ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	1,194	1,159
1941–42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	1,337	1,286
1942–43 ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	1,405	1,339
1943–44 ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	116.0	628.5	744.5	1,416	1,338
1944–45 ..	305.1	247.6	60.6	64.2	27.8	19.0	89.1	635.2	724.3	1,378	1,288
1944–45(c)—											
December ..	305.3	248.0	56.7	64.0	28.1	18.5	88.3	632.3	720.6	1,371	1,281
March ..	303.7	249.2	59.3	63.9	27.8	19.4	83.9	639.4	723.3	1,376	1,284
June ..	302.3	244.9	61.2	63.1	27.9	19.2	79.4	639.2	718.6	1,367	1,271
1945–46—											
July ..	301.6	243.7	61.7	63.1	27.9	19.0	76.7	640.3	717.0	1,364	1,268
August ..	301.9	243.4	63.4	61.9	27.7	18.4	71.8	644.9	716.7	1,363	1,266
September ..	292.6	237.6	62.6	59.5	27.2	17.6	58.4	638.7	697.1	1,326	1,230
October ..	283.3	235.2	61.9	58.6	27.1	17.2	49.6	633.7	683.3	1,300	1,206
November ..	281.9	235.3	62.3	58.6	27.6	17.1	44.6	638.2	682.8	1,299	1,204

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged exclusively on aircraft and ship-building, but excludes private factories engaged partly on war contracts and partly on other works. (b) Includes railway and tramway workshops, electricity and other Governmental institutions not included in previous column. (c) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
Employees—July, 1941 ..	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	80,904
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—June	694	695	697	744	695	781	702
1945—June	722	744	769	805	794	844	750
September ..	747	768	778	821	806	880	772
October	764	787	792	847	828	888	789
November ..	795	839	816	890	886	922	828
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
Employees—July, 1941 ..	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	76,544
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	951	937	1,019	959	974	988	958
1944—June	911	909	1,022	977	961	994	935
1945—June	959	921	1,049	1,048	1,010	1,047	973
September ..	970	929	1,059	1,055	1,021	1,066	983
October	980	939	1,059	1,059	1,030	1,084	991
November ..	1,013	983	1,092	1,086	1,047	1,115	1,026
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
Employees—July, 1941 ..	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	157,448
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	826	814	842	843	835	860	827
1944—June	802	798	841	860	829	877	815
1945—June	840	829	893	926	903	935	858
September ..	858	845	902	938	914	963	874
October	871	859	910	951	929	975	887
November ..	903	907	938	986	965	1,008	923

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1944 ..	801	921	213,007	8,175	221,182	567,565	7,740	575,305	760,380
1944—Sept Qtr.	217	279	56,805	3,181	59,986	136,711	..	136,711	173,039
Dec. ,,	178	187	48,440	2,471	50,911	129,393	1,645	131,038	177,435
1945—March ,,	217	250	53,342	1,631	54,973	153,872	..	153,872	211,460
June ,,	203	304	54,233	10,829	65,062	213,607	10,001	223,608	275,774
Sept. ,,	256	394	103,406	1,237	104,643	285,365	3,740	289,105	378,505
VICTORIA.									
Year—1944 ..	53	89	13,348	294	13,642	71,358	1,260	72,618	73,223
1944—Sept. Qtr.	13	23	4,126	84	4,210	16,214	1,260	17,474	17,404
Dec. ,,	15	20	2,949	60	3,009	16,826	..	16,826	17,087
1945—March ,,	13	13	1,098	65	1,163	5,981	288	6,269	5,756
June ,,	8	8	560	..	560	8,662	..	8,662	7,368
Sept. ,,	6	6	24,185	..	24,185	24,935	2,596	27,531	27,317
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1944 ..	23	32	8,493	..	8,493	63,084	..	63,084	67,401
1944—Sept. Qtr.	5	9	1,449	..	1,449	4,101	..	4,101	4,146
Dec. ,,	8	12	2,990	..	2,990	32,822	..	32,822	31,449
1945—March ,,	9	87	6,148	99	6,247	100,943	..	100,943	93,003
June ,,	8	12	1,378	..	1,378	8,932	1,170	10,102	10,739
Sept. ,,	9	263	6,618	..	6,618	89,386	6,072	95,458	101,141
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1944 ..	30	71	18,250	3,230	21,480	76,086	..	76,086	80,614
1944—Sept. Qtr.	8	8	8,985	3,187	12,172	19,160	..	19,160	19,528
Dec. ,,	4	4	1,081	..	1,081	2,191	..	2,191	1,997
1945—March ,,	5	6	289	16	305	2,533	300	2,833	2,785
June ,,	4	4	1,364	..	1,364	4,712	..	4,712	4,567
Sept. ,,	2	2	182	..	182	257	..	257	216
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1944 ..	30	75	7,161	3,867	11,028	44,984	45,000	89,984	93,601
1944—Sept. Qtr.	12	25	2,521	17	2,538	7,864	..	7,864	7,834
Dec. ,,	9	34	2,661	..	2,661	27,608	..	27,608	31,713
1945—March ,,	6	6	304	..	304	958	9,120	10,078	11,874
June ,,	2	9	424	644	1,068	14,544	..	14,544	13,600
Sept. ,,	4	5	1,333	..	1,333	5,579	..	5,579	7,299
TASMANIA.									
Year—1944 ..	4	4	533	..	533	35,675	..	35,675	36,510
1944—Sept. Qtr.	1	1	18	..	18	198	..	198	200
Dec. ,,	1	1	352	..	352	35,200	..	35,200	36,000
1945—March ,,	3	3	355	..	355	730	..	730	843
June ,,	1	1	44	..	44	88	..	88	143
Sept. ,,	3	4	971	..	971	4,804	..	4,804	5,530
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1944 ..	941	1,192	260,792	15,566	276,358	858,752	54,000	912,752	1,111,729
1944—Sept. Qtr.	256	345	73,904	6,469	80,373	184,248	1,260	185,508	222,151
Dec. ,,	215	258	58,473	2,531	61,004	244,040	1,645	245,685	295,681
1945—March ,,	253	365	61,536	1,811	63,347	265,017	9,708	274,725	325,721
June ,,	226	338	58,003	11,473	69,476	250,545	11,171	261,716	312,191
Sept. ,,	280	674	136,695	1,237	137,932	410,326	12,408	422,734	520,008

Total Average Weekly Wages Paid and Average Earnings in Civil Employment.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES PAID.							
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941–42—							
September Qtr.	4,090	2,944	1,210	846	607	259	9,956
December ,,	4,306	3,073	1,281	878	628	269	10,435
March ,,	4,109	2,969	1,208	874	585	263	10,008
June ,,	4,484	3,143	1,381	936	600	283	10,827
1942–43—							
September Qtr.	4,503	3,127	1,453	931	567	273	10,854
December ,,	4,742	3,263	1,538	967	587	283	11,380
March ,,	4,508	3,145	1,412	916	582	269	10,832
June ,,	4,679	3,244	1,549	947	596	293	11,308
1943–44—							
September Qtr.	4,649	3,228	1,592	948	600	294	11,311
December ,,	4,947	3,359	1,677	979	622	304	11,888
March ,,	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306	11,108
June ,,	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313	11,436
1944–45—							
September Qtr.	4,590	3,135	1,549	962	599	312	11,147
December ,,	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306	11,478
March ,,	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303	10,873
June ,,	4,783	3,223	1,540	911	632	321	11,410
1945–46—							
September Qtr.	4,735	3,183	1,514	932	643	325	11,332
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941–42—							
September Qtr.	5.58	5.52	4.88	5.04	5.35	4.61	5.37
December ,,	5.83	5.76	5.23	5.16	5.50	4.75	5.61
March ,,	5.66	5.70	5.07	5.19	5.33	4.69	5.50
June ,,	6.28	6.18	5.73	5.60	5.73	5.13	6.05
1942–43—							
September Qtr.	6.36	6.33	6.03	5.70	5.67	5.05	6.17
December ,,	6.72	6.71	6.43	6.03	5.89	5.32	6.52
March ,,	6.41	6.48	5.89	5.78	5.82	5.04	6.22
June ,,	6.70	6.75	6.42	6.07	6.00	5.53	6.54
1943–44—							
September Qtr.	6.58	6.80	6.59	6.09	6.09	5.60	6.58
December ,,	7.11	7.10	6.86	6.25	6.30	5.70	6.90
March ,,	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.66	6.44
June ,,	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70	6.66
1944–45—							
September Qtr.	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66	6.49
December ,,	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59	6.68
March ,,	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41	6.30
June ,,	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66	6.60
1945–46—							
September Qtr.	6.72	6.67	6.36	5.99	6.32	5.73	6.54

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—The above figures are approximations subject to revision when data are sufficient for the final estimate of annual amounts paid and average quarterly earnings.

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1945.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	124/10	120/6	119/7	115/1	118/1	115/2	120/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/8¾	2/8½	2/7½	2/8¼	2/7½	2/9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/0	120/4	119/5	115/11	125/1	119/9	120/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9¼	2/8¾	2/8½	2/7½	2/10	2/8¾	2/9
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	119/11	118/5	116/4	116/1	118/6	112/2	118/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/8¾	2/8¼	2/8¼	2/7¾	2/8¼	2/6½	2/8¼
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/4	118/9	123/6	123/6	119/7	114/8	118/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8½	2/9¾	2/9¾	2/8½	2/7¼	2/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	135/0	137/2	125/7	128/1	145/4	127/6	134/4
	Working Hours	42.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.39
	Hourly Wage	3/2	3/3¼	2/11¾	2/11¼	3/4¾	2/11¼	3/2
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/0	118/3	115/2	117/3	118/9	119/9	118/8
	Working Hours	43.87	43.90	43.78	43.71	44.03	43.75	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/8¾	2/8¼	2/7½	2/8¼	2/8½	2/8¾	2/8½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/1	132/3	120/2	119/0	126/1	122/0	128/10
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0¼	3/0	3/0	2/8½	2/10½	2/9¼	2/11¼
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	127/4	122/0	128/7	103/5	137/11 (b)	114/3	126/9
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.93	40.89	40.50	41.33	40.70
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/0¼	3/1¾	2/6¼	3/4¾	2/9¼	3/1¼
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	123/10	124/6	122/9	115/6	120/9	112/7	122/7
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/10¼	2/9½	2/7½	2/9	2/6¾	2/9½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	116/8	111/4	110/6	106/7	116/6	104/8	113/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7¾	2/6¼	2/6¼	2/5	2/7¾	2/4½	2/6¾
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	122/9	123/4	119/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	121/1	119/10	125/1	119/9	122/7	123/8	121/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	110/9	112/6	105/8	102/8	107/3	101/0	109/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage e	2/6¼	2/6½	2/4¾	2/4	2/4¾	2/3½	2/5¾
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	115/9	116/3	111/2	107/6	114/3	108/8	114/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.77	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/7¼	2/6¼	2/5	2/7¼	2/5¾	2/7
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	121/1	120/0	119/5	114/5	122/9	116/3	119/11
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a)	Weekly Wage	120/11	119/11	117/3	112/4	122/10	112/11	119/4
	Working Hours	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
	Hourly Wage	2/9¼	2/8¾	2/8½	2/6½	2/10¼	2/7¼	2/8¾

(a) Weighted average. (b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry. (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1945.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	61/6	65/5	59/9	55/9	54/1	64/9	62/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4¾	1/5¾	1/4¼	1/3¼	1/2¾	1/5¾	1/5
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	72/0	73/2	75/3	75/3	63/8	71/10	72/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7¾	1/8	1/8½	1/8½	1/5¼	1/7½	1/7¾
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	69/8	75/1	64/11	65/6	..	59/9	71/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8½	1/5¾	1/6	..	1/4¼	1/7½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage *b*	64/10	71/7	68/7	59/4	68/9	63/2	67/3
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage *b*	1/6	1/7½	1/6¾	1/4½	1/6¾	1/5¼	1/6½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c...	Weekly Wage	76/6	79/6	81/10	55/8	..	..	76/1
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/8¾	1/9¼	1/10¼	1/3¼	..	..	1/8½
All Groups (*a*)	Weekly Wage	71/0	73/11	74/1	66/1	66/0	68/4	71/11
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8	1/8¼	1/6	1/6	1/6¾	1/7½

(*a*) Weighted average. (*b*) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where applied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th September, 1945.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
,, ,, 1939	96 7	94 0	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
,, ,, 1940	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1
,, ,, 1941	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 3
,, ,, 1942	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8
,, ,, 1943	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 9	119 5
,, ,, 1944	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
30th June, 1945	121 0	119 9	119 3	114 1	122 1	116 3	119 8
30th September, 1945	121 1	120 0	119 5	114 5	122 9	116 3	119 11
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3D. (*a*) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
,, ,, 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
,, ,, 1940	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913
,, ,, 1941	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
,, ,, 1942	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
,, ,, 1943	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
,, ,, 1944	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
30th June, 1945	2,361	2,337	2,327	2,226	2,382	2,268	2,336
30th September, 1945	2,362	2,341	2,330	2,233	2,395	2,269	2,339
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
,, ,, 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
,, ,, 1940	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3
,, ,, 1941	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 2
,, ,, 1942	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 3	64 4
,, ,, 1943	67 11	70 2	69 9	61 3	66 6	63 3	68 4
,, ,, 1944	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
30th June, 1945	70 11	73 11	74 1	66 1	65 10	68 3	71 10
30th September, 1945	71 0	73 11	74 1	66 1	66 0	68 4	71 11
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27S. 2D. (*a*) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
,, ,, 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
,, ,, 1940	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
,, ,, 1941	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
,, ,, 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
,, ,, 1943	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
,, ,, 1944	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
30th June, 1945 ..	2,609	2,720	2,726	2,431	2,422	2,512	2,643
30th September, 1945	2,612	2,722	2,726	2,431	2,428	2,516	2,646

(*a*) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.45	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(*4.18.0*)	(*2.13.0*)	(*1.8.44*)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Western Australia(e)	5 0 1	2 14 1	1.7.45	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania (c) ..	(*4.15.0*)	(*2.11.6*)	(*1.2.46*)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong ; Broken Hill—Males, £5 3s. 0d.; Females, £2 15s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d. ; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions :—Northern, 10s. ; North-Western, 17s. 4d. ; Mackay, 5s. 6d. ; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.45 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 5d. ; Females, £2 18s. 0d. ; and from 1.3.45 for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 19s. 7d. ; Females, £2 13s. 9d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st February, 1945.	1st May, 1945.	1st August, 1945.	1st November, 1945.	1st February, 1946.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne ..	98 0	98 0	98 0	98 0	98 0
Brisbane	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	94 0
Perth	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	94 0
Hobart	94 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	95 0
Six Capitals ..	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) " Court " Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes " prosperity loadings " granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.		1944.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	70	22	65	49	72	23	24	11	36	10
Victoria..	170	..	262	..	202	..	129	..	110	..
Queensland	34	45	53	16	27	29	17	35	14	29
South Australia	53	7	167	8	160	12	44	7	31	3
Western Australia ..	31	21	30	18	19	19	6	12	9	9
Tasmania	18	..	21	..	19	..	20	..	16	..
Commonwealth Court ..	25	13	7	3	52	20	43	17	45	13
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	1	..	5	..	4	..	3	..	4	..
Total	402	108	610	94	555	103	286	82	265	64

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The " B " Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the " All Items " (" C " Series) Index published on page 80.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.—Capital Cities.

(" B " Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923—27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923–27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1944.	1945.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.											
Sydney	904	962	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,022	1,027	1,040	1,042	1,029
Melbourne	884	943	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,057	1,046	1,052	1,059	1,063	1,055
Brisbane	838	911	972	975	965	966	959	967	969	965	963
Adelaide	861	905	1,012	1,003	993	1,002	988	993	1,003	1,011	1,001
Perth	899	981	1,029	1,059	1,056	1,060	1,049	1,059	1,064	1,067	1,051
Hobart	880	970	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,043	1,039	1,025	1,032	1,054	1,062
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	947	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,034	1,022	1,028	1,037	1,040	1,030
GROUP IV.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.											
Sydney	1,004	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne	935	975	975	974	974	973	973	973	973	973	973
Brisbane	841	860	862	862	863	863	863	863	863	863	863
Adelaide	868	893	893	893	892	892	892	892	892	892	892
Perth	872	883	885	885	886	886	886	886	886	886	886
Hobart	913	933	933	931	932	933	933	933	933	933	934
Six Capitals (b) ..	942	976	976	975	976	975	975	975	975	975	975
ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).											
Sydney	941	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,027	1,031	1,039	1,040	1,032
Melbourne	902	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,015	1,019	1,023	1,026	1,021
Brisbane	838	889	927	929	923	924	919	924	926	923	922
Adelaide	862	899	963	958	951	957	948	951	958	962	957
Perth	887	941	971	989	987	990	983	989	992	994	984
Hobart	891	953	1,000	1,009	992	998	995	986	991	1,005	1,010
Six Capitals (b) ..	906	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,002	1,005	1,011	1,013	1,007

(a) See note (a) on page 80. (b) Weighted Average. (c) See note (c) on page 81.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms). ("B" Series.) (a)

(*Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923–27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1944.	1945.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec., Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	941	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,027	1,031	1,039	1,040	1,032
Newcastle	898	959	1,005	1,000	987	989	984	985	992	993	985
Broken Hill ..	948	991	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,073	1,059	1,068	1,078	1,076	1,069
Goulburn	908	957	1,009	1,007	999	997	997	999	998	997	993
Bathurst	867	910	957	953	951	958	952	956	961	960	955
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	988	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,032	1,024	1,027	1,035	1,036	1,028
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	902	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,015	1,019	1,023	1,026	1,021
Ballarat	808	841	894	908	907	912	907	908	912	916	912
Bendigo	817	868	920	923	923	926	921	923	925	931	925
Geelong	872	912	956	962	958	957	955	954	958	959	957
Warrnambool ..	898	941	984	993	995	1,008	1,003	1,000	1,003	1,011	1,019
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	946	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,013	1,007	1,010	1,014	1,017	1,012
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	838	889	927	929	923	924	919	924	926	923	922
Toowoomba ..	806	857	913	927	945	949	945	949	953	947	946
Rockhampton ..	825	863	901	904	908	917	906	918	922	916	911
Townsville	900	933	974	970	975	979	975	980	983	975	976
Bundaberg ..	781	835	878	888	886	886	884	888	890	884	880
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	886	926	928	926	928	923	928	930	927	925
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	862	899	963	958	951	957	948	951	958	962	957
Kadina, &c. ..	702	738	789	784	776	779	774	771	775	787	783
Port Pirie	838	889	943	932	923	931	920	923	932	937	930
Mount Gambier ..	801	832	879	877	884	895	892	888	896	902	895
Peterborough ..	836	893	936	926	922	935	925	928	935	941	936
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	892	955	950	944	949	941	943	950	955	949
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	887	941	971	989	987	990	983	989	992	994	984
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,128	1,124	1,124	1,131	1,133	1,124
Northam	911	980	1,005	1,001	999	1,001	993	999	1,003	1,005	995
Bunbury	945	996	1,011	1,010	1,010	1,015	1,007	1,014	1,019	1,019	1,009
Geraldton	974	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,072	1,066	1,070	1,076	1,076	1,067
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	964	988	1,001	1,000	1,002	996	1,001	1,005	1,006	997
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	891	953	1,000	1,009	992	998	995	986	991	1,005	1,010
Launceston	867	913	948	953	936	943	938	932	938	949	953
Burnie	880	937	973	998	958	954	950	940	946	962	969
Devonport	846	898	928	942	920	924	919	909	917	931	938
Queenstown ..	900	947	970	1,005	1,004	1,014	1,010	1,002	1,007	1,022	1,026
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	937	978	988	970	977	973	965	970	983	988
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	952	1,001	1,005	998	1,003	996	999	1,005	1,007	1,001
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,002	1,005	1,011	1,013	1,007
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	817	856	872	886	891	887	888	886	896	893
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	896	932	914	914	925	918	919	926	930	924
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,059	1,054	1,058	1,060	1,060	1,057

(a) See footnote (a) on page 80. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(*Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923–27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1944.				1945.				Percentage increase from July, 1914, to Dec., 1945.
		Month.			Dec. Qtr.	Month.			Dec. Qtr.	
	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	645	1,027	1,020	1,018	1,022	1,030	1,029	1,027	1,029	59.2
Newcastle	682	1,045	1,037	1,033	1,039	1,044	1,042	1,038	1,041	52.2
Broken Hill	821	1,255	1,257	1,266	1,259	1,270	1,272	1,270	1,271	54.7
Goulburn	661	1,077	1,075	1,073	1,075	1,066	1,066	1,065	1,066	61.1
Bathurst	613	1,026	1,026	1,025	1,025	1,032	1,031	1,030	1,031	68.0
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	652	1,033	1,027	1,025	1,028	1,036	1,035	1,033	1,035	58.4
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	619	1,053	1,041	1,043	1,046	1,059	1,053	1,053	1,055	70.1
Ballarat	617	1,046	1,034	1,036	1,039	1,046	1,044	1,044	1,045	69.2
Bendigo	619	1,043	1,036	1,037	1,039	1,045	1,044	1,045	1,045	68.8
Geelong	609	1,010	999	996	1,001	1,004	1,005	1,006	1,005	65.2
Warrnambool	608	1,050	1,051	1,051	1,051	1,078	1,077	1,076	1,077	77.0
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	618	1,051	1,039	1,041	1,044	1,057	1,051	1,051	1,053	70.1
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	591	961	957	958	959	960	960	969	963	64.0
Toowoomba	582	1,000	1,003	1,005	1,003	1,001	999	1,009	1,003	73.4
Rockhampton	646	997	997	999	998	1,006	1,005	1,007	1,006	55.9
Townsville	..	1,054	1,047	1,047	1,049	1,041	1,048	1,062	1,050	..
Bundaberg	..	1,021	1,023	1,025	1,023	1,015	1,012	1,021	1,016	..
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	605	974	971	972	972	973	973	982	976	62.3
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	699	989	986	989	988	1,002	1,003	999	1,001	42.9
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	1,027	1,026	1,025	1,026	1,040	1,042	1,040	1,041	51.2
Port Pirie	722	1,057	1,057	1,056	1,056	1,076	1,074	1,072	1,074	48.5
Mount Gambier ..	595	1,020	1,003	1,006	1,010	1,013	1,013	1,014	1,013	70.4
Peterborough	749	1,039	1,037	1,039	1,038	1,058	1,056	1,052	1,055	40.5
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	697	993	991	993	992	1,007	1,007	1,004	1,006	44.0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	749	1,056	1,045	1,046	1,049	1,054	1,050	1,050	1,051	40.2
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	931	1,183	1,186	1,186	1,185	1,185	1,182	1,180	1,182	26.7
Northam	..	1,063	1,053	1,054	1,057	1,061	1,058	1,058	1,059	..
Bunbury	793	1,035	1,030	1,029	1,031	1,035	1,033	1,032	1,033	30.1
Geraldton	808	1,085	1,069	1,069	1,074	1,079	1,073	1,073	1,075	32.8
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	790	1,065	1,056	1,056	1,059	1,064	1,059	1,059	1,061	34.1
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	678	1,048	1,049	1,019	1,039	1,067	1,068	1,052	1,062	55.2
Launceston	640	998	998	974	990	1,019	1,020	1,005	1,015	57.0
Burnie	..	1,026	1,025	1,004	1,018	1,052	1,053	1,036	1,047	..
Devonport	..	1,028	1,027	1,001	1,019	1,054	1,055	1,038	1,049	..
Queenstown	735	1,152	1,157	1,129	1,146	1,177	1,178	1,163	1,173	58.2
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	672	1,034	1,036	1,008	1,026	1,055	1,056	1,040	1,050	54.8
THIRTY TOWNS (*a*) ..	651	1,030	1,023	1,023	1,025	1,035	1,033	1,032	1,033	58.5
SIX CAPITALS (*a*) ..	645	1,027	1,020	1,019	1,022	1,032	1,030	1,029	1,030	59.5
Lithgow (N.) (*b*)	..	1,068	1,064	1,057	1,063	1,052	1,048	1,045	1,048	..
Yallourn (V.) (*b*)	..	1,069	1,058	1,055	1,061	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	..
Warwick (Q.) (*b*)	605	985	985	986	985	995	994	996	995	64.6
Port Augusta (S.A.) (*b*) ..	..	1,055	1,050	1,050	1,052	1,063	1,063	1,060	1,062	..
Rosebery (T.) (*b*)	..	1,136	1,136	1,108	1,127	1,154	1,155	1,138	1,149	..
Canberra (A.C.T.) (*b*) ..	..	1,108	1,098	1,102	1,102	1,106	1,106	1,107	1,106	..

(*a*) Weighted average. (*b*) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923–27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1944.	1945.			
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,028	1,107	1,151	1,144	1,142	1,142	1,138	1,141	1,142	1,147
Newcastle	877	997	1,069	1,109	1,094	1,100	1,095	1,093	1,099	1,103	1,106
Broken Hill ..	940	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,192	1,184	1,184	1,193	1,194	1,198
Goulburn	893	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,118	1,114	1,116	1,110	1,111	1,112	1,121
Bathurst	860	974	1,050	1,091	1,088	1,091	1,089	1,086	1,089	1,090	1,099
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,138	1,135	1,138	1,139	1,145
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,135	1,135	1,138	1,132	1,134	1,135	1,137
Ballarat	850	950	1,037	1,084	1,083	1,086	1,087	1,086	1,086	1,085	1,085
Bendigo	854	963	1,054	1,096	1,101	1,099	1,102	1,099	1,098	1,099	1,099
Geelong	884	984	1,065	1,110	1,112	1,113	1,116	1,114	1,112	1,114	1,112
Warrnambool ..	892	998	1,078	1,126	1,129	1,139	1,140	1,135	1,135	1,139	1,145
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,131	1,134	1,129	1,131	1,132	1,133
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	963	1,033	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,069	1,071	1,072	1,069	1,074
Toowoomba ..	843	951	1,033	1,080	1,085	1,087	1,084	1,086	1,088	1,085	1,088
Rockhampton ..	853	959	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,079	1,071	1,077	1,083	1,077	1,080
Townsville	902	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,117	1,114	1,116	1,117	1,115	1,109	1,114
Bundaberg ..	831	938	1,015	1,057	1,057	1,054	1,056	1,056	1,053	1,049	1,056
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	964	1,035	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,073	1,075	1,076	1,073	1,077
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	988	1,075	1,102	1,098	1,102	1,098	1,098	1,100	1,103	1,106
Kadina, &c. ..	786	882	962	998	995	999	996	993	996	1,003	1,005
Port Pirie	868	976	1,057	1,087	1,081	1,085	1,080	1,080	1,084	1,086	1,090
Mount Gambier ..	849	946	1,024	1,061	1,064	1,070	1,070	1,067	1,068	1,073	1,073
Peterborough ..	868	974	1,053	1,087	1,087	1,093	1,089	1,089	1,090	1,096	1,097
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	983	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,098	1,093	1,094	1,096	1,099	1,102
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	993	1,061	1,104	1,105	1,107	1,104	1,104	1,108	1,108	1,107
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,199	1,202	1,203	1,197	1,204	1,204	1,202
Northam	900	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,113	1,113	1,110	1,111	1,115	1,114	1,110
Bunbury	914	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,110	1,115	1,110	1,111	1,117	1,116	1,115
Geraldton	957	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,176	1,170	1,168	1,167	1,171	1,172	1,168
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,116	1,112	1,113	1,117	1,117	1,115
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,105	1,107	1,106	1,101	1,099	1,107	1,120
Launceston	872	974	1,040	1,078	1,067	1,072	1,067	1,064	1,067	1,073	1,085
Burnie	865	971	1,035	1,088	1,065	1,063	1,059	1,053	1,055	1,065	1,080
Devonport	848	951	1,012	1,058	1,040	1,045	1,042	1,037	1,038	1,045	1,060
Queenstown ..	875	987	1,045	1,096	1,102	1,110	1,108	1,104	1,106	1,112	1,118
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	989	1,060	1,101	1,089	1,092	1,089	1,085	1,085	1,092	1,105
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	894	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,122	1,123	1,122	1,120	1,122	1,123	1,126
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,126	1,126	1,126	1,123	1,125	1,126	1,129
Warwick (Q.)(c) ..	800	926	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,064	1,061	1,061	1,059	1,066	1,071
Port Augusta (S.A.)(c) ..	863	980	1,052	1,076	1,076	1,084	1,080	1,080	1,082	1,086	1,087
Canberra (A.C.T.)(c) ..	966	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,153	1,149	1,149	1,144	1,149	1,148	1,155

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1945.

(*Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923–27 = 1,000.)(*a*)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms). (*c*)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (*b*)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (*b*)	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (*b*)	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (*b*)	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (*b*)	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (*b*)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (*b*)	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (*b*)	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (*b*)	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
Quarter—						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1943—September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,450	1,165	1,133
December ..	1,015	975	997	1,436	1,168	1,123
1944—March ..	1,020	976	1,000	1,434	1,166	1,124
June ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,429	1,165	1,125
September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,433	1,164	1,129
December ..	1,022	975	1,002	1,442	1,163	1,126
1945—March ..	1,028	975	1,005	1,421	1,161	1,123
June ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,416	1,161	1,125
September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
December ..	1,030	975	1,007	1,448	1,161	1,129

(*a*) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost *in each group or combination* in 1923–27 is made equal to 1,000. (*b*) November. (*c*) *Rent.*—The rent index-numbers shown in the above and other tables in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods, and a sample Census is now in process of collection for index towns in order to provide fuller information as to rentals (*see also* page 2 of Labour Report, No. 33).

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	Sydney.			Newcastle.			Broken Hill.			Goulburn.			Bathurst.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary	,,	4.95	5.05	5.05	5.29	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.40	5.40	5.40
,, self-raising	,,	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Tea	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.79	27.79	27.79	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.60	27.60	27.60
Sugar	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.29	4.29	4.25	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(*a*)	,,	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (*a*)	,,	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	13.80	14.00	14.00	15.21	15.21	15.21	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.40	15.20	15.20
Golden syrup	2 lb.	6.90	6.90	6.90	7.93	8.00	8.00	9.64	9.64	9.64	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Oats, flaked (*a*)	lb.	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.96	4.88	4.88	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded	,,	13.46	13.46	13.23	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.29	13.29	13.29	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.33	13.33	13.38
Currants	,,	10.75	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.88	10.88	10.88
Apricots, dried (*a*)	,,	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	14.30	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.86	14.86	16.36	17.07	17.07	15.40	15.50	15.50	14.40	15.00	15.13
Pears, canned (*a*)	,,	15.75	15.94	15.83	15.79	16.14	16.14	16.50	17.29	17.29	15.17	16.75	16.75	15.00	16.50	16.50
Salmon, in tins (*a*)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.72	8.65	8.63	11.66	11.66	11.73	8.48	8.87	8.97	8.58	8.80	8.70
Onions, brown	lb.	3.29	3.14	3.00	3.29	2.93	3.00	3.50	3.57	3.71	3.00	3.00	2.80	3.50	3.30	3.20
Soap	,,	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.78	7.78	8.00	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.43	7.43	7.43
Kerosene	quart	5.89	5.94	5.94	6.40	6.35	6.45	7.56	7.56	7.56	7.18	7.18	7.18	6.65	6.65	6.65
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.57	20.57	20.57	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild	,,	17.69	17.69	17.36	17.50	17.92	17.40	18.57	18.57	18.57	18.00	18.00	17.50	18.40	18.40	18.40
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.35	22.35	22.35	23.14	22.29	22.29	22.57	22.57	22.57	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.20	22.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	21.95	21.95	21.95	21.93	21.93	21.93	23.93	23.93	23.93	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Milk, condensed	tin	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.21	10.29	10.29	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
,, fresh	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	12.90	12.90	12.70	12.93	12.93	12.64	16.50	16.50	16.50	13.00	13.00	12.90	12.20	12.20	12.20
,, rib	,,	8.00	8.00	8.10	8.29	8.29	8.29	15.14	15.14	15.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.60	8.60	8.60
,, steak, rump	,,	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.29	20.29	20.29	24.50	24.50	24.00	20.80	20.80	20.80	18.00	18.00	18.00
,, ,, chuck	,,	9.00	9.00	8.75	9.14	9.14	8.86	16.07	16.07	16.43	9.20	9.20	9.10	8.80	8.80	8.70
,, sausages	,,	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.64	10.64	10.64	16.43	16.50	16.00	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.00	10.00	10.00
,, ,, brisket	,,	8.00	8.00	7.95	8.14	8.14	8.14	14.43	14.50	13.86	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
Mutton, leg	,,	8.60	8.55	8.45	9.00	9.00	8.93	11.00	11.14	11.00	9.00	8.70	8.70	8.90	8.80	8.80
,, forequarter	,,	5.55	5.50	5.40	5.64	5.64	5.64	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	5.80	5.80	5.50	5.40	5.40
,, loin	,,	10.45	10.35	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.40	9.00	9.20
,, chops, loin	,,	11.20	11.10	11.10	10.86	10.86	10.71	13.50	13.43	13.43	10.20	10.20	10.20	9.80	9.60	9.60
,, ,, leg	,,	11.10	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.57	10.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.60	9.60	9.40	9.60	9.50	9.40
Pork, leg (*a*)	,,	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
,, loin (*a*)	,,	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
,, chops (*a*)	,,	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents (*b*)	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.12	..	..	243.48	..	..	191.49	..	..	222.97	..	..	212.09	..

(*a*) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (*b*) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. *See also* footnote (*c*), page 81.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	Melbourne.			Ballarat.			Bendigo.			Geelong.			Warrnambool.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary	,,	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.60	4.60	4.60
,, self-raising	,,	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.21	8.07	8.07	8.00	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.10	8.10
Tea	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian) (*a*)	,,	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (*a*)	,,	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.71	11.71	11.71	12.07	12.07	12.07	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Golden syrup	2 lb.	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.58	7.58	7.58	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.70	7.70	7.70
Oats, flaked (*a*)	lb.	3.80	3.75	3.75	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.94	3.94	3.94	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.08	4.08	4.08
Raisins, seeded	,,	13.11	13.22	13.22	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.29	13.29	13.36	12.40	12.40	12.60	13.20	13.20	13.20
Currants	,,	10.65	10.65	10.55	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.70	10.70	10.70
Apricots, dried (*a*)	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	13.05	14.28	14.35	13.50	14.25	14.58	14.00	14.20	14.25	13.40	13.90	14.00	13.50	14.40	14.70
Pears, canned	,,	14.00	15.17	15.30	14.50	15.33	15.58	14.90	15.50	15.67	14.30	14.90	15.00	14.50	15.60	16.00
Salmon, in tins (*a*)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.24	8.24	8.36	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown	lb.	2.63	2.63	2.50	2.79	2.79	2.67	2.57	2.57	2.58	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Soap	,,	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.54	7.54	7.52	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene	quart	6.36	6.36	6.36	6.68	6.71	6.68	6.67	6.71	6.65	6.23	6.23	6.23	7.10	7.08	7.08
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild	,,	16.28	16.28	16.28	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.79	16.86	16.86	15.63	15.88	15.88	16.30	16.30	16.30
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.86	21.86	21.86	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	22.72	22.72	22.72	23.21	23.29	23.29	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.70	22.70
Milk, condensed	tin	10.30	10.35	10.35	10.36	10.36	10.57	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.40	10.50	10.50
,, fresh	quart	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	14.00	13.80	13.80	13.14	13.00	13.00	12.64	12.50	12.64	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.60	13.40	13.40
,, rib	,,	11.80	11.40	11.35	10.57	10.64	10.57	9.43	9.43	9.43	8.80	9.00	8.80	10.40	10.40	10.40
,, steak, rump	,,	21.00	20.90	20.90	20.14	20.14	20.14	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.60	18.60	18.60
,, ,, chuck	,,	10.20	10.15	10.15	9.43	9.50	9.43	9.79	9.79	9.72	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	9.80
,, sausages	,,	8.50	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.71	7.86	7.86	7.60	7.80	7.80	8.60	8.60	8.40
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	12.70	12.45	12.45	11.71	11.57	11.57	11.00	11.00	10.93	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.20	12.20	12.20
,, ,, brisket	,,	9.45	9.15	9.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.40	8.50	8.50	9.40	9.40	9.40
Mutton, leg	,,	11.40	11.25	11.25	11.36	11.00	11.07	11.14	11.14	11.14	10.50	10.40	10.60	12.10	12.10	12.10
,, forequarter	,,	6.90	6.75	6.70	6.57	6.57	6.57	6.93	6.64	6.57	6.40	6.50	6.50	8.40	7.70	7.70
,, loin	,,	9.90	9.55	9.55	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.29	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.60	10.60	10.60
,, chops, loin	,,	10.80	10.55	10.55	10.29	10.14	10.14	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.00	9.00	9.00	11.80	11.80	11.80
,, ,, leg	,,	11.95	11.90	11.90	12.29	12.07	12.07	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.40	11.10	11.40	12.70	12.70	12.50
Pork, leg (*a*)	,,	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
,, loin (*a*)	,,	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
,, chops (*a*)	,,	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents (*b*)	4 and 5 Rooms	..	262.39	..	..	178.81	..	..	187.14	..	..	239.12	..	..	234.94	..

(*a*) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (*b*) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. *See also* footnote (*c*), page 81.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	Brisbane.			Toowoomba.			Rockhampton.			Townsville.			Bundaberg.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary	,,	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.50	4.43	4.50	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50
,, self-raising	,,	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.57	27.57	27.57	28.07	28.07	28.07	27.70	27.70	27.90	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar	,,	3.93	3.93	3.93	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(*a*)	,,	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (*a*)	,,	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	12.75	12.61	12.66	12.52	12.52	12.52	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.20	14.20	13.30	13.30	13.30
Golden syrup	2 lb.	6.91	6.91	6.91	7.86	7.86	7.86	8.00	8.00	8.07	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (*a*)	lb.	4.25	4.25	4.17	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded	,,	12.91	12.91	12.91	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.76	13.76	13.76	14.13	14.13	14.13	13.20	13.10	13.20
Currants	,,	11.40	11.30	11.40	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.40	11.40	11.50	11.60	11.60	11.60
Apricots, dried (*a*)	,,	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (*a*)	30 oz.	15.61	15.92	16.19	16.25	16.42	16.83	15.86	15.93	16.50	16.10	16.40	16.40	15.75	15.75	16.38
Pears, canned (*a*)	,,	15.81	16.58	17.07	16.88	17.25	18.00	16.21	16.36	17.14	16.90	17.13	16.90	16.00	16.00	16.00
Salmon, in tins (*a*)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.37	8.36	8.37	8.79	8.79	8.79	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.13	10.75	10.75	8.80	8.80	8.80
Onions, brown	lb.	2.43	2.16	2.38	2.79	2.14	1.93	2.36	2.07	1.93	3.38	3.13	2.63	2.60	1.75	1.60
Soap	,,	6.97	6.97	6.97	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.06	7.06	7.06
Kerosene	quart	5.38	5.37	5.37	6.16	6.09	6.09	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.64	6.51	6.51	5.93	5.93	5.93
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	19.82	19.82	19.82	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.80	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild	,,	15.18	15.09	15.09	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.71	15.64	15.71	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.40	15.40	15.40
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.00	20.83	21.67	15.64	15.93	17.29	19.25	22.00	22.00	15.80	15.50	20.40
Bacon, rashers	lb.	22.05	22.05	22.05	22.07	22.14	22.07	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.10	21.90	21.90	22.10	22.10	22.10
Milk, condensed	tin	9.82	9.82	9.82	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.20	10.10	10.20
,, fresh	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.20	9.20	9.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.20
,, rib	,,	6.22	6.22	6.72	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.20	7.20	7.40
,, steak, rump	,,	17.00	17.00	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.20
,, ,, chuck	,,	7.45	7.45	7.90	7.50	7.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.50	7.50	8.00	9.30	9.30	9.50
,, sausages	,,	8.00	8.00	8.06	8.00	8.00	8.50	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.00	8.00	8.40	9.00	9.00	9.20
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	10.10	10.10	10.65	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	11.40	11.40	11.60
,, ,, brisket	,,	7.60	7.60	8.10	8.00	8.00	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	7.00	7.40	9.40	9.40	9.60
Mutton, leg	,,	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
,, forequarter	,,	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
,, loin	,,	7.78	7.78	7.78	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.20	9.20	9.20
,, chops, loin	,,	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
,, ,, leg	,,	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.30	8.40	8.40	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg (*a*)	,,	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.25	15.33	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
,, loin (*a*)	,,	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
,, chops (*a*)	,,	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents (*b*)	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.80	..	..	216.82	..	..	207.37	..	..	217.69	..	..	169.51	..

(*a*) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (*b*) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. *See also* footnote (*c*), page 81.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	Adelaide.			Kadina.			Port Pirie.			Mount Gambier.			Peterborough.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary	,,	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
,, self-raising	,,	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(*a*)	,,	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (*a*)	,,	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	13.15	13.20	13.20	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.86	13.86	13.86	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked (*a*)	lb.	3.78	3.80	3.75	3.95	3.95	3.95	4.20	4.13	4.13	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.25
Raisins, seeded	,,	11.65	11.65	11.65	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants	,,	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	10.93	10.86	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.13	11.00
Apricots, dried (*a*)	,,	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (*a*)	30 oz.	13.83	14.50	14.50	15.00	16.00	15.50	15.80	15.64	15.57	14.25	14.63	15.50	15.33	16.00	16.00
Pears, canned (*a*)	,,	13.83	15.25	15.25	14.90	16.25	15.88	15.60	16.10	16.00	14.75	15.38	16.00	15.33	16.00	16.33
Salmon, in tins (*a*)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.36	10.36	10.36	8.56	8.56	8.56	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown	lb.	2.85	2.85	2.67	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.25	3.07	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.63	3.25	3.13	3.13
Soap	,,	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene	quart	5.31	5.31	5.31	5.98	5.98	5.98	6.30	6.30	6.30	5.95	5.95	5.95	6.16	6.16	6.16
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.63	20.63	20.63
Cheese, mild	,,	14.78	14.78	14.78	16.29	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	16.40	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.40	22.40	22.40	17.60	17.60	17.60	18.00	18.00	18.14	13.60	13.60	15.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.57	20.57	20.57	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.40	10.40	10.40	9.88	9.88	9.88
,, fresh	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.86	6.86	6.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.79	11.79	11.64	10.57	10.57	10.57	12.70	12.70	12.70	11.50	11.50	11.33
,, rib	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.86	10.86	10.71	10.43	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.40	9.50	9.50	9.33
,, steak, rump	,,	17.00	17.00	16.60	15.86	15.86	15.86	17.79	17.86	17.50	16.40	16.40	16.20	17.33	17.33	17.17
,, ,, chuck	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	12.14	12.14	12.14	9.00	9.00	9.10	10.33	10.33	10.33
,, sausages	,,	7.11	7.11	7.22	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	12.00	12.00	11.50	12.29	12.29	12.14	12.43	12.43	12.21	11.30	11.50	11.10	11.50	11.50	11.17
,, ,, brisket	,,	9.00	9.00	8.50	10.21	10.36	10.21	10.43	10.43	10.21	9.10	9.20	8.80	9.50	9.50	9.17
Mutton, leg	,,	10.95	10.95	10.90	10.36	10.36	10.29	11.43	11.29	11.29	10.50	10.60	10.80	11.17	10.83	11.00
,, forequarter	,,	5.95	5.95	5.90	6.93	6.93	6.93	7.36	7.36	7.36	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	5.67	5.67
,, loin	,,	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.14	9.00	9.00	8.93	8.93	8.79	8.50	8.60	8.50	10.00	10.00	9.67
,, chops, loin	,,	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.00	10.14	10.14	11.36	11.21	11.21	9.70	9.40	9.40	10.50	10.33	10.00
,, ,, leg	,,	11.40	11.45	11.45	10.43	10.43	10.43	12.00	11.86	11.71	10.50	10.60	10.80	11.50	11.83	12.00
Pork, leg (*a*)	,,	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
,, loin (*a*)	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
,, chops (*a*)	,,	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents (*b*)	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.52	..	..	97.21	..	..	179.12	..	..	179.81	..	..	189.95	..

(*a*) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (*b*) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. *See also* footnote (*c*), page 81.

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Article.	Unit.	Perth.			Kalgoorlie.			Northam.			Bunbury.			Geraldton.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
,, self-raising	,,	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.50	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(*a*)	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (*a*).. ..	,,	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.88	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.50	4.59	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.88	5.00	5.00	4.88	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	12.80	12.90	12.90	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.13	13.13	13.38	13.17	13.33	13.33	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	,,	10.35	10.35	10.35	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (*a*)	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.94	15.50	15.50	17.50	18.50	18.50	15.50	16.33	16.33	15.50	16.50	16.50	15.20	16.40	16.50
Pears, canned ..	,,	15.69	16.44	16.45	18.17	19.42	19.40	16.17	17.33	17.33	16.00	17.50	17.50	15.70	17.20	17.40
Salmon, in tins (*a*)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.21	10.21	10.21	9.00	9.13	9.13	8.85	8.85	8.85	9.20	9.20	9.20
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.00	3.00	2.95	3.50	4.00	3.34	3.50	3.33	3.38	3.50	3.50	3.17	3.50	3.50	3.50
Soap	,,	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.24	6.24	6.24	8.13	8.13	8.13	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	,,	17.00	17.13	17.13	18.43	18.43	18.42	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.33	17.33	17.33	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	21.80	21.80	22.00	22.00	22.71	24.57	16.50	16.38	16.38	16.25	16.25	16.75	18.00	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.57	21.71	21.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.90	9.90	9.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
,, fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
,, rib ..	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
,, steak, rump	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
,, ,, chuck	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
,, sausages ..	,,	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
,, ,, brisket	,,	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	9.86	9.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.86	10.57	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
,, forequarter	,,	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
,, loin ..	,,	10.20	9.80	9.80	11.14	10.71	10.71	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.20	10.00	10.00	10.67	9.67	9.67
,, chops, loin	,,	10.80	10.00	10.00	11.86	11.14	11.00	10.75	10.00	10.00	10.60	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00
,, ,, leg	,,	10.30	10.00	10.00	11.57	11.14	11.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg (*a*) ..	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
,, loin (*a*) ..	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
,, chops (*a*) ..	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents (*b*) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	238.81	..	..	261.89	..	..	226.42	..	..	245.54	..	..	267.16	..

(*a*) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (*b*) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. *See also* footnote (*c*), page 81.

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Article.	Unit.	Hobart.			Launceston.			Burnie.			Devonport.			Queenstown.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary	,,	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.60	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
,, self-raising	,,	7.40	7.40	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.70	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.25	27.25	27.13
Sugar	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(*a*)	,,	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago (*a*)	,,	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60	10.00	9.80	9.80	10.63	10.63	10.63
Golden syrup	2 lb.	8.05	8.05	8.05	7.79	7.79	7.79	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.83	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded	,,	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.86	12.86	12.86	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.80	10.80	10.60	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.13	11.13	11.13
Apricots, dried (*a*)	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	13.50	14.75	15.14	13.50	15.50	15.40	13.40	15.33	15.25	13.50	15.00	15.38	14.50	16.00	16.50
Pears, canned (*a*)	,,	13.42	15.38	15.88	13.50	16.33	16.38	13.50	16.50	15.88	13.50	15.17	15.50	14.50	16.75	17.50
Salmon, in tins (*a*)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.81	10.81	11.36
Onions, brown	lb.	3.28	3.31	3.39	3.14	3.14	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.20	3.20	3.25	3.38	3.38	3.75
Soap	,,	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene	quart	7.02	7.02	7.02	6.90	6.95	6.95	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.90	6.90	6.70	7.46	7.46	7.46
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cheese, mild (*a*)	,,	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.66	15.67	15.67	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.25	16.00
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.50	22.00	22.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Milk, condensed	tin	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.75	10.75
,, fresh	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	14.00	14.00	13.00	12.57	12.57	11.71	13.00	13.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	13.00
,, rib	,,	12.00	12.00	11.10	10.86	10.86	10.00	11.88	11.88	10.88	12.00	12.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	12.00
,, steak, rump	,,	18.90	18.90	18.00	17.43	17.43	16.57	16.75	16.75	15.75	17.00	17.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	17.00
,, ,, chuck	,,	11.90	11.90	10.90	10.43	10.43	9.57	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	14.00	14.00	13.00
,, sausages	,,	8.67	8.78	8.67	8.29	8.14	8.14	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	8.33	10.33	10.33	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	14.00	14.00	13.00	11.71	11.71	10.86	12.00	12.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	14.00	14.00	13.00
,, ,, brisket	,,	11.35	11.35	10.45	10.14	10.14	9.29	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.33	13.00	13.00	12.00
Mutton, leg	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
,, forequarter	,,	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.79	6.79	6.79	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
,, loin	,,	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.43	9.43	9.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.67	9.67	9.67	13.00	13.00	13.00
,, chops, loin	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
,, ,, leg	,,	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Pork, leg	,,	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
,, loin	,,	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
,, chops	,,	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents (*b*)	4 and 5 Rooms	..	251.82	..	..	232.45	..	..	214.51	..	..	193.64	..	..	202.31	..

(*a*) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (*b*) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. *See also* footnote (*c*), page 81.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(*Base :* 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861.. ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871.. ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881.. ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891.. ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901.. ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902.. ..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903.. ..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904.. ..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905.. ..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906.. ..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907.. ..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908.. ..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909.. ..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910.. ..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911.. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912.. ..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913.. ..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914.. ..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915.. ..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916.. ..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917.. ..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918.. ..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919.. ..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920.. ..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921.. ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922.. ..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923.. ..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924.. ..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925.. ..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926.. ..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927.. ..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928.. ..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929.. ..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930.. ..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931.. ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932.. ..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933.. ..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934.. ..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935.. ..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936.. ..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937.. ..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938.. ..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939.. ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940.. ..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941.. ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942.. ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943.. ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944.. ..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945.. ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 85 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928–29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(*Base :* Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928–29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1936–37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937–38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938–39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939–40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940–41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941–42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942–43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943–44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944–45 ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1942–43—										
October ..	1,302	1,649	1,386	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
November ..	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,529	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,365
December ..	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,255	1,801	1,193	1,371
January ..	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,398	1,691	1,210	1,790	1,166	1,350
February ..	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,234	1,789	1,185	1,363
March ..	1,308	1,693	1,544	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,265	1,802	1,206	1,382
April ..	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
May ..	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,275	1,801	1,216	1,388
June ..	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,398	1,741	1,298	1,824	1,228	1,404
1943–44—										
July ..	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,305	1,824	1,233	1,407
August ..	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,291	1,823	1,222	1,398
September ..	1,310	1,694	1,502	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,297	1,828	1,224	1,402
October ..	1,310	1,694	1,507	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,286	1,826	1,216	1,396
November ..	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,279	1,829	1,206	1,389
December ..	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,275	1,821	1,209	1,389
January ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
February ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,269	1,815	1,208	1,386
March ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
April ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,289	1,832	1,215	1,397
May ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June ..	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944–45—										
July ..	1,308	1,696	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,312	1,819	1,239	1,410
August ..	1,308	1,696	1,542	1,429	1,398	1,747	1,306	1,817	1,237	1,408
September ..	1,308	1,696	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,291	1,814	1,225	1,399
October ..	1,308	1,696	1,523	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,288	1,821	1,221	1,397
November ..	1,310	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,289	1,831	1,217	1,398
December ..	1,306	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,290	1,834	1,216	1,398
January ..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,822	1,217	1,396
February ..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,304	1,830	1,225	1,404
March ..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,314	1,824	1,235	1,408
April ..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,333	1,835	1,245	1,419
May ..	1,306	1,609	1,525	1,429	1,398	1,748	1,331	1,795	1,249	1,410
June ..	1,306	1,609	1,510	1,406	1,398	1,748	1,346	1,790	1,261	1,417
1945–46—										
July ..	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259	1,417
August ..	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259	1,418
September ..	1,303	1,567	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257	1,415
October ..	1,303	1,567	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249	1,411
November ..	1,303	1,567	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,779	1,246	1,404
December ..	1,303	1,567	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244	1,400

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 36 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(*Base :* Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(*a*)	Gold. (*a*)	All Groups.
1928–29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1937–38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,014
1938–39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1939–40	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940–41	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941–42	1,019	1,167	1,075	1,098	1,176	1,218	1,107
1942–43	1,153	1,286	1,171	1,219	1,249	1,191	1,220
1943–44(*b*)	1,249	1,341	1,213	1,285	1,298	1,191	1,283
1944–45(*b*)	1,298	1,361	1,216	1,314	1,302	1,197	1,309
1944–45—(*b*)							
July	1,327	1,384	1,214	1,332	1,302	1,197	1,325
August	1,259	1,380	1,217	1,307	1,302	1,197	1,303
September	1,258	1,362	1,216	1,299	1,302	1,202	1,295
October	1,309	1,354	1,216	1,313	1,301	1,208	1,308
November	1,314	1,352	1,216	1,314	1,302	1,208	1,309
December	1,286	1,351	1,216	1,303	1,301	1,208	1,300
January	1,291	1,339	1,216	1,318	1,301	1,208	1,314
February	1,295	1,346	1,216	1,304	1,301	1,208	1,300
March	1,308	1,356	1,216	1,313	1,301	1,208	1,309
April	1,308	1,358	1,216	1,314	1,301	1,208	1,309
May	1,308	1,366	1,216	1,319	1,301	1,210	1,314
June	1,308	1,388	1,216	1,328	1,301	1,224	1,322
1945–46—(*b*)							
July	1,308	1,388	1,216	1,328	1,301	1,227	1,322
August	1,308	1,388	1,216	1,328	1,297	1,227	1,322
September	1,308	1,384	1,216	1,326	1,306	1,227	1,320
October	1,308	1,368	1,216	1,319	1,334	1,227	1,314
November	1,308	1,362	1,216	1,316	1,306	1,227	1,311
December	1,411	1,362	1,216	1,353	1,306	1,227	1,344

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(*Base :* Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1943–44.		1944–45.		1945–46.	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928–29	1,205	1,173	July ..	1,145	1,148	1,236	1,234	1,350	1,342
1933–34	959	896	August ..	1,154	1,157	1,258	1,255	1,346	1,338
1934–35	741	753	September ..	1,149	1,152	1,283	1,279	1,364	1,355
1935–36	942	946	October ..	1,155	1,159	1,312	1,305	1,369	1,360
1936–37	1,155	1,144	November ..	1,171	1,172	1,300	1,294	1,369	1,360
1937–38	1,024	1,022	December ..	1,172	1,175	1,300	1,295	1,517	1,497
1938–39	821	834							
1939–40	964	980	January ..	1,175	1,176	1,317	1,311	..	..
1940–41	1,026	1,039	February ..	1,172	1,175	1,312	1,307	..	..
1941–42	1,047	1,059	March ..	1,175	1,176	1,321	1,314	..	..
1942–43	1,137	1,142	April ..	1,177	1,178	1,333	1,326	..	..
1943–44	1,169	1,171	May ..	1,192	1,192	1,328	1,319	..	..
1944–45	1,304	1,298	June ..	1,196	1,196	1,342	1,335	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the " quantity-multipliers " are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

* (*Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals*, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (*b*)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (*a*)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									%
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(*c*)1,000	(*c*)1,000	(*c*)1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,457	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	..	..	1.2
Quarter—									
1936.									
March	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,432	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,194	1,431	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September ..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December ..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.									
March	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
December ..	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	..	..	1.2

(*a*) See footnote (*c*) on page 81.
(*b*) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.
(*c*) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.
* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 *in each group or combination of groups* is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1944.
POPULATION (*a*)—Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,447	*b* 3,684,874
Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,775	*b* 3,656,841
Total	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,137,222	*b* 7,341,715
BIRTHS—Number	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	153,344
Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94	20.99
DEATHS—Number	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	69,596
Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	9.53
MARRIAGES—Number	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	68,201
Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58	9.33
	1881–82.	1891–92.	1901–02.	1911–12.	1921–22.	1931–32.	1941–42.	1943–44.
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	7,875
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	109,720
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	13.93
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,415
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	17,712
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	12.52
Barley—Area acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	442,884
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	7,590
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.92	17.14
Maize—Area acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	282,681
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	7,433
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	26.29
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,044
Yield '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,717
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.33
Potatoes—Area acres	(*c*) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	199,113
Yield tons	(*c*) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	599,055
Average yield tons	(*c*) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.12
Sugar-cane—Area (*d*) acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	229,172
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	3,688
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	16.09
Vineyards—Area acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	129,213
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	15,857	19,865
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(*e*) 15,519	(*e*) 16,988	(*e*) 23,835	(*e*) 23,774	(*e*) 81,890	49,714	61,806	78,039
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Sheep '000	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	123,174
Cattle ,,	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,184
Horses ,,	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,449
Pigs ,,	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,747
Wool production (*h*) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,159	1,169,016
Butter ,, ,,	(*f*)	(*g*) 42,315	(*q*) 103,747	(*g*) 212,074	(*g*) 267,071	390,654	375,694	350,072
Cheese ,, ,,	(*f*)	(*g*) 10,131	(*g*) 11,845	(*g*) 15,887	(*g*) 32,653	31,423	67,520	80,249
Bacon and ham ,,	(*f*)	(*g*) 16,772	(*g*) 34,021	(*g*) 53,335	(*g*) 58,626	71,122	95,119	102,419
Total net value of—								
pastoral production £'000	(*e*) 29,538	(*e*) 39,256	(*e*) 36,890	(*e*) 72,883	(*e*) 119,399	43,025	85,358	108,406
dairying production £'000						22,564	34,344	44,823
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	7,851
Silver and lead ,,	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	4,335
Copper ,,	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	2,195
Tin ,,	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	839
Zinc ,,	..	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,432
Coal ,,	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,680
Total value of all mineral production £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	33,741
					1921–22.	1931–32.	1941–42.	1943–44.
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn— '000 sup. ft.	(*f*)	(*f*)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	849,590
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories					14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	27,674
Hands employed No.					311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	766,506
Wages paid £'000	(*i*)	(*i*)	(*i*)		27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	216,874
Value of production ,,					51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	366,235
Total value of output ,,					133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	891,739

(*a*) At 31st December. (*b*) Subject to revision. (*c*) Partly estimated. (*d*) Productive cane. (*e*) Gross value. (*f*) Not available. (*g*) Years ended December. (*h*) In terms of greasy. (*i*) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921–22.	1931–32.	1941–42.	1944–45.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No.	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	2,147
'000 tons	2,549	4,726	6,542	9,985	9,081	11,396	10,768	9,132
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea £'000	29,067	37,711	42,434	66,968	103,066	44,713	152,005	188,483
Per head £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	21/6/0	25/15/11
Exports—Oversea £'000	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	(*a*) 85,843	(*a*) 134,927	(*a*) 123,969
Per head £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	18/18/1	16/19/4
Total—Oversea trade £'000	56,595	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	286,932	312,452
Per head .. £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	40/4/1	42/15/3
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	(*b*) 55,700	(*b*) 66,487
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/16/1	9/0/7
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS (*c*)—								
Wool—Quantity (*d*) '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	673,659
Value .. £'000	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	49,387
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	32,391
Value .. £'000	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	9,752
Flour—Quantity '000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	560
Value .. £'000	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	6,732
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	93,739
Value .. £'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	8,250
Hides and skins .. ,,	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	6,602
Tallow .. .. ,,	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	670
Meats .. .. ,,	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	14,108
Timber (undressed) ,,	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	357
Gold .. .. ,,	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	..
Silver and lead .. ,,	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	6,361
Copper .. .. ,,	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	26
Coal .. .. ,,	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	224
								1943–44.
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,213
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	325,039
Gross revenue .. ,,	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	82,309
Working expenses ,,	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	66,578
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	80.89
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	907,768
,, Per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	124.24
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974	170,044
,, Per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94	23.27
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (*e*)—								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(*f*) 214	197	167	(*g*) 166
Coin and bullion held ,,	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	2,882	4,479	(*g*) 16,589
Advances .. .. ,,	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	(*h*)260,918	(*h*) 323,850	(*gh*)251,705
Deposits .. ,,	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(*i*) 273,867	(*h*)319,241	(*h*) 482,722	(*gh*)762,441
SAVINGS BANKS (*j*)—								
Total deposits .. £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	(*k*) 622,583
Average per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7	84/7/8
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools .. .. No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	8,766
Teachers .. ,,	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	30,760
Enrolment .. ,,	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	874,440
Average attendance ,,	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116	706,650

(*a*) British currency values. The recorded values were :—Exports, 1931–32, £A.109,034,000 ; 1941–42, £A.168,977,000 ; and 1944–45, £A.155,271,000, *vide* page 18. (*b*) Excludes Special War Tax of 10 per cent. on Amount of Customs Duties on all goods entered for home consumption on and after 3rd May, 1940. (*c*) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (*d*) In terms of greasy. (*e*) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter ; the remainder for the June quarter. (*f*) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (*g*) Quarter ended June, 1945. (*h*) Government "set-off" accounts interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (*i*) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (*j*) First three years at 31st December ; remainder 30th June. (*k*) At 31st December, 1945.

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